

Black Watch solutors 'swore oaths to Hong Kong triads'

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

BRITISH troops from the Black Watch regiment said to have sworn a blood oath of allegiance to a Chinese secret society are to get immunity from prosecution in Hong Kong in exchange for information on Triad crime gangs.

Soldiers from the regiment, which will guard the colony in the final months of British rule here, were said by the Eastern Express to have sworn loyalty and silence

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to join the Sun Yee On Triad, one last tour of duty in August 1994, of the biggest and most ruthless of and are not believed to have

of the biggest and most ruthless of the illegal Chinese secret societies. Triad membership is a criminal offence in Hong Kong. But at least a dozen soldiers went through the full initiation ceremony after they began moonlighting as bouncers in bars and nightchubs controlled by the gangs, the newspaper said. It said the Hong Kong police agreed not to prosecute in ex-

change for information. The soldiers returned to Britain when the Black Watch finished its

continued their involvement with the Chinese underworld in the UK. The regiment will go back to Hong Kong in February 1997. Neither the British garrison nor

the Hong Kong police were last night able to confirm or deny the report, which caused surprise and embarrassment in military circles. The British forces here have built up a remarkably good reputation in recent years. The report will also embarrass

the Hong Kong Administration, which is trying to project an image of clean government before the

The newspaper said the men were approached by the Son Yee On while they were drinking in the seedy Wanshai bar area and offered work. It quoted police sources as saying the club's usual security men had trouble dealing with foreign servicemen, especialmembership ly the American and Australian navy. Chinese bouncers were tough enough to deal with all

comers but the Triads thought it was easier to find bouncers who could deal with them in English. Hong Kong police, with its long experience of Triads. They also said the garrison would normally It is not clear how the police

be contacted if soldiers were discovered the soldiers' involvebrought back to Hong Kong. The source also suggested that it would have been hard for British ment or traced them in the UK, but the report said at least three had squaddies to work as bouncers without attracting the attention of the military police. been brought back in the course of last year to give statements. They were given a guarantee they would not be prosecuted for Triad

A garrison spokesman said that HQ British Forces Hong Kong had no knowledge of any British serviceman being brought back to Military sources expressed some scepticism yesterday about what Hong Kong in connection with use such evidence would be to the

any case. "But I can't give you a categorical denial."

One senior officer who served in Hong Kong while the Black Watch was on tour there said it would be impossible for a British soldier to "moonlight" in a bar as a bouncer without the garrison hearing about it. He had "no knowledge" of the report.

The regiment is on Christmas leave and a spokesman at the Pirbright Barracks guardroom said no one was available to answer questions.

Tories trade insults over defection

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ster said.

not stand up.

TORY party infighting esca-lated yesterday as leading figures from the Right and Left traded insults in the wake of Emma Nicholson's defection to the Liberal Democrats. Michael Portillo, the De-

fence Secretary, accused Miss Nicholson of talking "awful nonsense" in claiming that her departure had been precipitated by a lurch to the Right.

He also fanned internal tensions by hinting that other centre-left Taries might be better off following the MP for Devon West and Torridge if, like her, they wanted a federal Europe.

But the Defence Secretary's remarks in a BBC radio interview provoked a fierce riposte from the centre-left. Peter Temple-Morris, one of

had chosen in living memory" chairman of the Macleod group of centre-left Tory backand one that continued to resist the Right's diagnosis of benchers, also suggested that John Major bore some of the the Government's political ills. Mr Redwood said. blame for the turmoil engulfing his Government. "My "I am very conscious that we unhappiness is that there is a are still well behind in the sense of drift, and I would like

opinion polls. The Governthat to be as far as possible rectified," the MP for Leominment has not got rid of VAT on fuel, has not restored mortgage interest relief, has not John Redwood, who last done something to help with negative equity," Mr Redwood said on BBC Radio 4's The summer resigned from the

Cabinet to stand against Mr Major, echoed Mr Portillo's World at One. The former Welsh Secretary called for policies to boost insistence that under Mr Ma-jor's "moderate" leadership the charge of extremism levhouse prices, curb the fear of redundancy and reduce the elled by Miss Nicholson did tax burden on families.

Bar chairman denounces

But Mr Redwood, in his Mr Redwood also attacked the continuing loss of powers to Brussels. "I don't think if most inflammatory intervention since losing to Mr Major in July, used his freedom as a you look at the deeds of this

Police fear for woman missing in Thailand BRITONS returning from

Thailand are being urged to contact police if they have any information aboot Johanne. Masheder, a young solicitor, who has disappeared while on a back-packing holiday. Inspector Bob Bates of Cheshire Police, who are working with Interpol in the search for her, asked travellers to try to provide even the tiniest detail of her movements after December 8.

He said: "We are certain that other holidaymakers will have seen this girl and could have vital information about her whereabouts. Jo is very tall and we are hoping cone will remember seeing her. We are extremely concerned for her well-being." The parents of the 23-yearold law graduate will today scour the tiny Thai hippy island of Ko Phangnan. But Mr Stuart Masheder, a busi-ness manager from Wincle, near Macclesfield, said last night that he could rely only on hunches.

His search switched to Ko Phangnan as it is a hauot

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Saudi king hands over power to half-brother

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

KING FAHD of Saudi Arabia yesterday handed over the running of his country to his half-brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, saying that he needed to rest after suffering a

stroke in November. A royal decree said the king, 73, who is overweight and has been in poor health for some years, has asked Prince Abdullah to "undertake the affairs of state while we enjoy rest". Although King Fahd has not abdicated, Western diplomats saw the move as a possible way of smoothing the transition.

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The move scotches recent rumours of dynastic turmoil and suggestions that the king was seeking to bypass his nominated successor and hand over the throne to Prince Sultan, the Defence Minister, and a full brother,

Prince Abdullah, 71, is deputy Prime Minister and head of the powerful 77,000-strong National Guard. An austere and devout man, he is thought by diplomats to want to distance his country more from the West and to take a harder line towards the Middle East peace process, especially on the future of Jerusalem.

its backbench leaders, deplaced the Tory high command's decision to field a Cabinet minister whose "xenophobic and nationalistic" rhetoric symbolised the pressures that had driven Miss Nicholson lu join Paddy Ashdown's party. Mr Temple-Morris,

backbencher to say what Mr Portillo could only unply: that far from being too right wing, the Conservatives were not right wing enough. The Cabinet formed by Mr

Major in the summer was the most left-wing Cabinet a **Conservative Prime Minister**

administration since the sum young tourists as well as new age travellers, thousands of mer of 1995, you can say it's more Euro-sceptic than Mar-garet Thatcher's administrawhom make the monthly trip for "full moon parties". He tions in the 1980s. It is very said that his daughter was reluctant to be isolated and dig level-headed and unlikely to Continued on page 2, col 8 "drop out".

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New owners for New Look

Tom Singh and his family have sold, New Look, one of the largest retailers of wom-en's clothing, to institutional investors for £170 million. The sale comes one month after plans were abandoned to float the chain, which has 305 outlets in the UK. The Singhs will own 25 per cent of a new company set up to own New Page 36

Liverpool come from behind

Stan Collymore scored against his former club. Nottingham Forest, as Liverpool turned a two-goal deficit into a 4-2 victory in the FA Carling Premiership yesterday. Middiesbrough were beaten 2-0 by Aston VillaPages 19, 22, 23

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Howard's sentencing plan By FRANCES GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

THE Home Secretary is on a collision course with the legal profession and judiciary over his plans for minimum sentences to be outlined in a White Paper this spring.

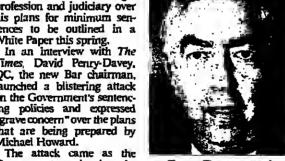
In an interview with The Times David Penry-Davey. QC, the new Bar chairman, launched a blistering attack on the Government's sentencing policies and expressed "grave concern" over the plans that are being prepared by Michael Howard.

Government made clear its intention to "make Britain the Singapore of Europe" with harsh sentences aimed ar

curbing re-offending. Minis-ters are considering introducing an automatic sentence of at least ten years' jail for drug tough sentences for a repeat dealers convicted for a second offence by rapists, serious sex offenders and violent crimitime and a minimum sentence

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Penry-Davey: attack on get-tough policy of between five and ten years for people convicted again of carrying an illegal firearm. The Home Secretary

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centrepiece of a crime Bill to be introduced in the next session of Parliament in November. Mr Penry-Davey, 53, who took over as head of the 12,500strong barristers' profession yesterday, gave a warning that minimum sentences would destroy the Government's own incentives to get criminals to plead guilty. He was also scathing of Mr Howard's method of formulating policy "by announcement to the Tory party conference" and implementation in "hasti-ly drafted legislation".

Echoing the concerns of senior judges, he said the Bar had been subject to "Criminal Justice Acts raining down on us like confetti" and "swings in sentencing policy", forcing courts to move from one

Burst pipes add to seasonal misery BY ADRIAN LEE MILLIONS of homes across tures had fallen to minus 15C,

Britain were without water the thaw hit many areas including Glasgow, where water tanks fractured in four vesterday as the new year thaw revealed burst pipes and mains. Scotland and the high-rise blocks of flats in the Northeast, which had record .Gorbals. In Strathchyde alone an estimated 500.000 homes low temperatures during the holiday week, were worst hit. suffered burst pipes over the People were asked to conholiday serve supplies as engineers In the Thames Water region

worked to repair the burst thousands of homes were afmains. Shortages were com-pounded by taps left running to prevent pipes freezing. fected by burst mains. In Northern Ireland more than 100,000 homes were left A North East Water spokeswithout water as rationing man said: "We are asking was introduced. One in fiv people to take a quick shower. homes was affected by cuts of up to 12 hours at a time. instead of a bath, and if at all In Cambridge, firemen saved thousands of irreplacepossible to cut the amount of water used in household duties like washing up."

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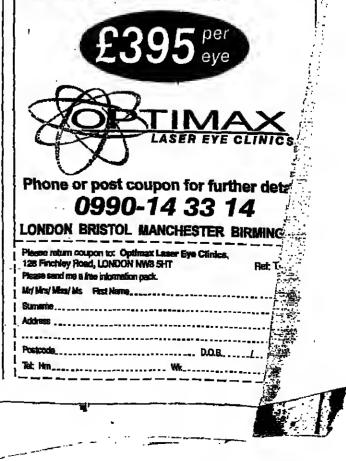
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as listed in the Court Circular of The

Times, from more than L500 in 1994 to 977 in 1995. Only the Princess of Wales signifi-

cantly increased her overseas engagements, from eight in 1994 - the year of her self-imposed purdah -- to 65 last year. Princess Margaret had eight engagements overseas in 1995 with seven the previous year but the other 12 royals all cut theirs.

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than 1,500 engagements in Britain in 1995, more than a quarter up from the previous year. Their overseas engagements were down from 698 to 462. The Queen had 543 engagements in

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Britain last year compared with 486 in 1994. The Duke of Edinburgh had 401 domestic engagements in 1995, up from 303 the previous year, and the Prince of Wales 471, compared with 375. The Princess Royal, the busiest member of the family in 1994, was less

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ments in Britain and 148 abroad. The Princess of Wales carried out 62 engagements in this country, with 34 in the previous year. The Queen Mother, who had a hip replaced in November, carried out 42 engagements compared with 63 in 1994.

Palace said the VE-Day and VJ-Day events might have made some royals less available for foreign visits.

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The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh engagements on offical overseas tours, and Prince Charles carried out more pressed last year with 477 appoint-

A spokeswoman for Buckingham

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Fears persist that dwindling Conservative majority will affect peace talks

Unionists get no deals for backing Major

BY ANDREW PLERCE

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW, the Northern Ireland Secretary, yesterday told the Ulster Unionists not to expect any secret deals in return for their promise not to bring down the Government.

However, this has failed to allay fears in Dublin and at Westminster that the Unionists might be looked on more favourably by the Government in the negotiations for a settlement in Northern Ireland.

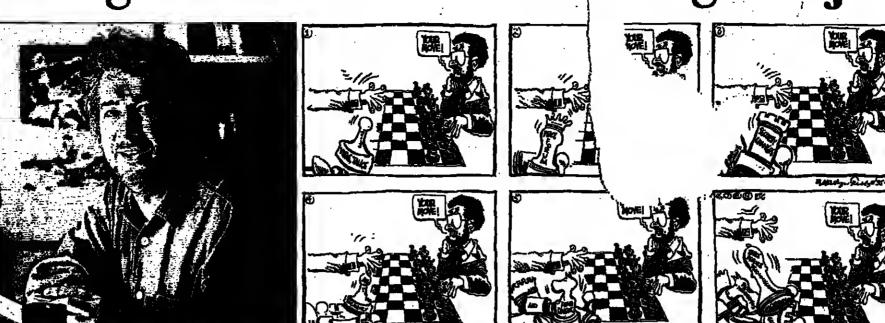
There was speculation last night that the Government would approve Unionist proposals for an elected convention in Northern Ireland. The proposals have been given a cool reception in Dublin.

Emma Nicholson's defection to the Liberal Democrats has made the support of the nine Ulster Unionist MPs crucial to the Government's survival. At the weekend they pledged not to vote with Labour in a no-confidence motion

Sir Patrick, in a BBC interview, said that the Government had always listened to the Ulster Unionists, who represented the largest num-ber of people in Northern Ireland. "But the Government will do its duty according to what it considers to be right. I recognise no difference in the essential equation by reason of events in the last few days or even a longer period."

Pressure on the Government intensified when Cardinal Cahal Daly, the leader of Ireland's Roman Catholics, said it would be "most unfortunate" if the Tories' shrinking majority at Westminster held up progress for a peaceful solution.

The Cardinal, speaking at a mass for World Peace Day in his Armagh archdiocese, sald: "It may well be politically difficult for John Major to initiate significant political movement in Northern Ireland at this time; but it would



Turner and the cartoon that particularly incensed Sinn Fein. He says the party must "grow up" and learn to accept criticism in order to take part in democratic politics

Sinn Fein accuses cartoonist of 'cruelty' to Adams

BY NICHOLAS WATT IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

censed by one cartoon in which Mr IRELAND'S leading cartoonist has so infuriated Sian Fein by depicting Gerry Adams as a blood stained defender of terrorists that the party has accused him of cruelty.

Martyn Turner, who has become the first cartoonist to be named as Ireland's top political commenta-tor, laughs off the criticism. The cartoonist, whose political sketches in the Irish Times influence thinking oo both sides of the border, has

be most unfortunate if any

Adams was drawn sitting on one side of a chess board repeatedly shouting "Your Move" as America, Ireland and Britain grant him a string of concessions. Sinn Fein, which is sensitive about seeing its president drawn as a bearded fanatic, squinting behind his glasses. wrote to Mr Turner to complain after he allowed the Northern Ireland Office to print the cartoon in an information booklet. The party also accused Mr Turner of

told Sinn Fein to "grow np"

Sinn Fein was particularly

singling out the IRA for more criticism than the loyalists.

Mr Turner, 47, an Eoglishman. graduated from Queen's University Belfast in 1971, and started his journalistic career in Northern Ireland editing the political maga-zine Fortnight. However, be was always determined to be a cartoonist. He says: "It's a bit strange that Sinn Fein should accuse me of being cruel to them after what they did for 25 years. It's part of the growing-up process. If they want to take part in democratic politics. they will have to get used to

commentators using what weapons we have to criticise them."

Mr Turner, who describes himself as a "non-unionist, oon-natiooalist, oon-violent, non-entity", has snared nobody in the past year as he lampoons politicians over the peace process. The Rev Ian Pais-ley's eves roll in permanent disgust and John Major looks bemused by the difficulties.

The cartoonist has just published a collection of his work entitled Pack up Your Troubles, Sitting in his studio at home in Co Kildare he says that most people in Northern

Ireland are sick of paramilitaries and want to get on with their lives. "My thesis is that the majority of people in Northern Ireland don't care about politics. They are inter-ested in jobs and secare homes. They vote along tribal lines but that does not mean they devote their entire lives to pursoing those

goals," he says. His book was "for the people who have been pursuing the peace process in their daily lives for the last 25 years (not just the last 25 minutes) by oot joining in the nonsense we call the Troobles."

reform of the divorce laws for 25 years.

But Mr Maginnis said: "We are not expecting any special deals from the Government. It is patronising to suggest it." Mr Maginnis said the Ulster Unionists had not asked for any special consideration from the Government and there were no plans to meetministers to press for any special deals. But he made clear that the Unionists were only too aware of the position they found themselves in. "We know our place. We will make the most of it. People know where we stand on the big

issues. "A narrow government majority does give us a degree of standing and awareness. But we are reliable and honest. It is worth remembering that we made clear before the 1992 general election that in the

we would not seek to bring to

a premature end the life of the

Government, of whatever pol-

itical persuasion, provided the

needs of the United Kingdom.

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ticular, were being served.

That remains our position

Tories

Continued from page 1 in, in defence of British interests the way that she did " In his interview, Mr Portillo hit back at Miss Nicholson's claim that his Brussels-bashing speech at the Tory conference, which she bas since likened to the rhetorical excesses of Nazi Germany. played a part in her defection. He accused Miss-Nicholson of having a "history of disloyalty" in supporting Baroness Thatcher day after day, then stabbing her in the back" on the eve of the 1990 leadership contest. But he also inflamed divisions by suggesting there was no place for Europhiles inside the party. "She [Miss Nicholson] has

now joined the Liberal Delnocrats, who are a Euro-federalist party. They want a United States of Europe and the Conservative Party is the party that is dedicated to opposing federalism. ff that is what Emma believes, then she, is right to leave us."

The counteroffensive by the Right reflected the belief among its supporters that the Prime Minister would be forced to moderate his approach to avoid provoking more walk-outs by dissidents. One senior figure said: "My belief is that going in Errma Nicholson's direction on Europe would be the last straw in terms of alienating the public. But she does have a point with her Alice in Wonderland 'Will we, won't we' criticism. This is the fundamental weakness of the Government - we cannot give a clear lead over Europe.

Mr Temple-Morris cited pressure for tax cuts at the expense of public services, Michael Howard's efforts to crack down on illegal immigrants and impose longer sentences on criminals, cen tralisation and local government finance as areas of concern. But he was also alarmed by the Government's tone of voice. "A little bit more sympathetic rhetoric would undoubtedly help. We should steady the party and 1 don't think that the torrent of personal abuse which we are hearing against Emma Nicholson is exactly helpful."

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Charles starts ski trip with princes

The Prince of Wales, his sons William and Harry and their nanny Tiggy Legge-Bourke started a skiing holiday in Klosters, Switzerland, yesterday. They arrived in Zurich on time in spite of thick fog over East Anglia that caused their flight from RAF Marham in

royal party, including

Charles's private secretary

Commander Richard Aylard, accompanied by his daughter

Sophle, ten, drove to the ski

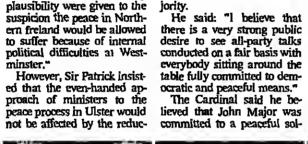
resort in a seven-car convoy.

Also in the group were a valet,

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tion in the Government's ma- ution. "If he can deliver this, it could be his greatest political

achievement and would ensure his place in history. I earnestly hope that, in co-operation with the Irish Government and with the agreement of the political parties in Northern Ireland, he will succeed in bringing this about. What is certain is that there is now an urgent

need to move into inclusive political talks. I believe that prolonged failure to do so is

fraught with grave risks." Cardinal Daly added: "It is more than high time now to see negotiations under way as soon as possible so that paramilitary weapons may be decommissioned as a concomitant and as a consequence of

political progress." The Dublin Government has viewed with deepening suspicion the developments at Westminster since the defection of Miss Nicholson, One senior government source said: "There is a fear, and has been for some time, that the British Government is placing too much emphasis on the views of the Ulster Unionists. We are aware the parliamentary situation in London is a factor in the peace process. Recent developments have ex-

Political commentators in

Northern Ireland, however,

were given more sway over

Paul Bew, Professor of Irish

Politics at Queen's University. Belfast, said: "The Ulster Unionists will not get any more power than they have today. There is no immediate crisis for the Government.

There is no forthcoming legislation that will cause the Ulster Unionists to withdraw their support." Relations between the Tories and the Unionists have been strained for months. Last year the Unionists voted

Unionists.

But any votes on the vexedissue of Europe could create the most difficulties for the Prime Minister. Ken Maginnis, the Unionists' security

to give more power to Brus-

sels, to infringe our fisher-

men's rights, to undermine

our sovereignty, or to introduce a single currency will be

vigorously opposed." The

Unionists may also oppose Lord Mackay of Clashfern's

Family Law Bill, the biggest

against the Government on

fishing rights and on VAT on fuel. Labour, which is hoping to defeat the Government in the Commons on rail privatisation, will not have the support of the Ulster

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Sir Patrick Maybew said yesterday that the defection of Emma Nicholson would not affect peace prospects, a fear expressed by Cardinal Cahal Daly. Ken Maginnis said Unionists were "not expecting any special deals"

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instance the House of Lords

decision forcing the Govern-ment to extend employment

protection legislation to part-

time workers to avoid falling

Tory think-tank seeks end to redundancy law

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY policy advisers are to urge John Major to sweep away the framework of laws protecting workers against redundancy and unfair dismissal. They believe that employment protection legislation dating from the 1960s interferes with the free operation of the labour market, destroying iobs and holding back the economy.

The radical proposals, which will be bltterly contested by Labour. are to be published next week in a paper from Politeia, the newest of the Conservative think-tanks, which has close links with 10 Downing Street.

Warwick Lightfoot, the report's author and a former Treasury adviser, is expected to argue that the Prime Minister's ambition of making Britain the "enterprise centre of Surope" will be threatened inless he is prepared to mount fresh assault on red tape.

Mr Lightfoot agrees that the ps taken in the 1980s, which luded seven employment 's aimed at eroding the ver of trade unions, have Juced big gains, giving ain the most liberal labour ket in the European n. But he is understood to 'e that the existing "spiweb" of rules still distorts yers' decisions, reduces Frity and raises unkrment

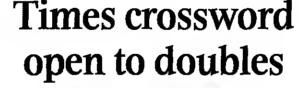
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missal. Instead, employers and employees would be free to negotiate their own terms and conditions of employment and aggrieved workers would be free to sue in the ordinary courts rather than seek recourse in employment tribunals. More jobs would be created and competition be-tween firms for staff would prevent exploitation, he believes.

and discrimination would Mr Lightfoot is understood remain. to claim that workers operat-ing in a deregulated labour market would be in much the same position as consumers in a highly competitive high street. Just as shoppers can go elsewhere if a store is charging too much or offering substandard goods, so workers would be able to shop around for good employers.

A danger of the existing less than £200 a week. A quarter of all the jobs paid system is that the courts can interpret different and seembelow the National Insurance ingly unrelated sets of regulathreshold of £58 a week.



BY BRIAN GREER, CROSSWORD EDITOR

A QUARTER of a century after its inception. The Times Crossword Competitioo will for the first time this year contain a doobles as well as a singles championship.

foul of an EU directive on Many readers do the discrimination against wo-men. But Mr Lightfoot will not crossword with a friend or partner and we hope that they advocate a free-for-all. Legislawill now be encouraged to tion protecting young workers have a go together, knowing they will be pitted against others who also prefer to and covering health and safety work in tandem.

Aberlour, producers of Single Highland Malt Scotch whisky, are sponsoring the competition and from this The vast majority of vacancies available through jobcentres do not pay a living wage for a couple with two children, according to the week onwards will also be providing the prizes for the Saturday Prize Crossword. Manchester-based Low Pay Unit. A year-end analysis of vacancy data from all the Successful competitors at the major jobcentres in Greater regional finals can look for-Manchester shows that more ward to taking home a bottle than nine out of ten jobs pay of the mait and we expect that all competitors will have a chance to sample the product. The basic format of the competition remains the

same, with all competitors required to tackle four normal puzzles during the course of an afternoon. But this year we bope to eliminate the Eliminator, which may disappoint some who look forward to this annual torture, but will mean that nobody need be disappointed

at an early stage. Sobject to confirmatioo when the first qualifying puz-zie is published on Thursday, Jaouary 18, the venues for the regional finals will be: Manchester (Sunday, February 25; Edinburgh (Sunday, March 31); Bristol (Sunday, April 28; Londoo (Saturday, May 25; Birmingham (Sunday, July 7). By moving to a large hotel ballroom for the London event, we hope to accommodate everyone who wants to take part on a single afternoon.

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MP says fishermen face more cuts in quotas

BY ANDREW PIERCE

FURTHER cuts in fishing quotas were predicted by a Conservative MP yesterday as the Royal Navy patrolled the waters known as the Irish Box to prepare for the latest incursion by Spanish vessels. HMS Lindisfarne, the fisheries protection vessel, moved into the waters as a European Union agreement took effect, giving 40 Spanish vessels access to the seas around Ireland

David Harris, the MP for St lves and chairman of the Tory fisheries committee, has written to the Prime Minister to call for changes to the European Union's Common Fisheries Policy, which is strongly opposed by fishermen in the South West. Mr Harris, whose constitu-

ency includes the fishing port Newlyn, said that admitof ting the Spanish boats would lead to further cuts in quotas

and made a mockery of con-



servation. The result is going to be massive over-fishing of stocks already under pres-SUITE

He said it would be difficult to ensure that there were only 40 Spanish boats at a time in the box. The capacity for deception was vast in a huge area of sea where boats could dodge in and out. "I am highly

sceptical of the ability to police. They will not be able to control it," he said. Mr Harris, who last month voted against the Government in the Commons vote on Spanish access

to the area, said the agreement was a black day for the fishing industry. He said that more control of home waters had to be handed back to EU member states, with stocks conserved through net sizes and protected areas rather than TUST QUOTAS.

Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, told BBC Radio 4's The World At One yesterday that the Spanisb would not be getting any extra fish by coming into the Irish Box. They will be policed equally fiercely on the catches that they take to make sure the fish are the proper size and are within quota, as much as ensuring that there are no more than 40 trawlers at any one time in the Irish Box," he said

"I have no reason to think other than that the Spanish will fully comply. They have already started to do so. They have provided the names of the first 20 trawlers which are, going to be in the Irish Box and the exact day they are going to be fishing. "It will be a very stur; Spanish skipper who seeks break the rules. If he doe he will be brought iza-

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Villagers fight to ground housing plan for airbase

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

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PLANS for a new housing estate on a former RAF airbase in the Oxfordshire countryside are emerging as a crucial test of the Government's rural White Paper.

Oxfordshire County Council is considering a proposal to build 5,000 houses on the 1,200-acre Upper Heyford base, six miles northwest of Bicester, which was used by the US Air Force from the 1950s until 1993. On the face of it, the scheme looks tailor-made for John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. By 2005 he wants half of all new houses to be the formerly Tory-led Cherwell Dis-

built on previously developed land so-called "brownfield" sites.

But the Upper Heyford proposal has provoked huge opposition from local people who say it would destroy the rural character of the Cherwell Valley. Tony Baldry, the Fisheries

Minister, whose Banbury constituency includes Upper Heyford, has called the idea crazy and unjustified. "A settlement of 5,000 houses would

be twice the size of Chipping Norton and about the same size as Kidlington and would be completely out of proportion," he said. "Our area of the county has already taken more than its fair share of new housing." It was

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trict Council which first encouraged the idea of a large housing estate at Upper Heyford. Second thoughts set in after last May's local elections, when control passed to a loose alliance of Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors.

Patrick Burke, the council's policy planning officer, said: "We want to see the site developed, but with no more than 1,000 houses and associated commercial facilities to provide about 1,500 jobs, coupled with afforestation of the rest of the land."

Even that would be too much for Cherwell Valley Parishes, a coalition of 20 villages set up to oppose the scheme. Its secretary is Ian Lough-

Scott, who works as a surveyor at Oxford University and has lived in Upper Heyford all his life.

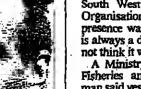
"A village of 300 to 500 houses is the maximum we would like to see," he said. "What is being proposed amounts to a small town. The brownfield site argument is being used to justify a development that would never normally stand a chance of getting planning permission." The council is committed to

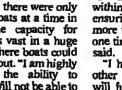
building 47,000 new houses over the period 1991-2011 and is still looking for sites for 12,000 of them. If Upper Heyford is ruled out, they would have to be built in existing towns or on . greenfield sites.



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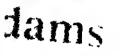












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SCIENTISTS have identified the gene that makes some people Next time you are heavily overdrawn, blame extrovert and eager for new your parents. Two groups of scientists have now experiences and others stolid and introverted. This is the first wholly linked personality traits such as extravagance to convincing evidence linking a a "novelty seeking" gene, Nigel Hawkes reports normal personality trait to the

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brain chemical dopamine, which is known to be involved in controlling the emotions.

groups, working independently and using different methods. The That some aspects of person-ality run in families has not been success opens up a whole new field of psychogenetics and may make it possible to understand in doubt, as children often share many of their parents' traits. But much of individual psychology on the basis of genetic inheritance. the extent to which this is the result of the genes, or of upbring-The two groups, in Israel and the United States, found that the ing, is open to argument. Studies on identical twins show that trait known as "novelty seeking" is linked with a gene responsible temperament, in particolar, tends to be about half determined by the genes, and half by experience. The for making the receptor for the

Israeli team, led by Dr Richard Ebstein of the Herzog Memorial Hospital in Jerusalem, set out to investigate one temperamental trait, that of novelty seeking. Those who score high on this trait tend to be impulsive, exploratory. fickle, excitable, quick-tempered and extravagant. Those who score low are reflective, rigid, loyal. stoic, slow-tempered and frugal. In a sample of 124 unrelated Israeli volunteers, they studied both test scores and genes. They

particular sequence of DNA base pairs - the letters that spell out the genetic code - right next to the gene responsible for making the dopamine receptor. The differences do not lie in the ene itself, but in the region of DNA next to it. Receptors are the "sockets" on the surface of brain cells into which the chemical messengers - in this case dooamine-fit. The supposition is that the region of DNA that differs is

Bad-tempered and extravagant? Blame it on the genes

tests are more likely to possess a

the part that determines the strength of the binding between the messenger and its receptor. This is apparently determined by the number of times a short section of DNA lying on the end

report in Nature Genetics that of the gene is repeated. Those with those who scored higher in the a large number of repeats are more likely to be novely-seekers than those with a small number of

The finding is confirmed in the same issue of the journal by another team, led by Dr Dean Hamer of the US National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, Dr Hamer is the scientist who has previously claimed to have identified a genetic difference between homosexuals and heterosexuals, a claim that is yet to be independently confirmed.

The US team used a different personality test and measured the length of the DNA repeat sequences in 315 people. They found that about two thirds of their

of the repeated regions, while a third had six to eight. These differences correlated with differences in personality scores.

The result on its own is certainly not the key to personality. Dr Hamer estimates that the genetic differences identified account for only perhaps a tenth of the inheritability of the trait - in other words, there must also be other genes involved. This is no surprise, as it has always been amed that complex traits will be determined by several, or

perhaps many, genes But he adds: "A similar approach might be useful for detecting genes that identify abnormal psychological processes and health risk-related behaviours

sample had between two and five such as tobacco smoking and excess alcohol consumption."

The Israeli team reaches similar conclusions. The agreement between their results and those of the Americans is particularly impressive, they say, because the projects involved slightly different lests, a different ethnic group, and the US team showed an association within members of a family as well as between unrelated individuals.

"Given the significant heritability of many human behaviours and the rapid progress of the haman genome project, it is likely that additional genes that influ-ence normal and abnormal psychological characteristics will be found in the future" they conclude.

Daughter failed to arrive on flight **Father of missing** solicitor to scour 'hippy' islands

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

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THE parents of a young British solicitor missing in Thailand will today scour a remote "hippy" island in the hunt for their daughter. Stuart and Jackie Masheder flew out to the Far East after Jo. 23. failed to return home for Christmas, and said they planned to travel to the islands of Ko Phangnan and Ko Samui, about 335 miles south of Bangkok, and a favourite destination for New Age travellers. Mr Masheder, a business manager with a large chemicals company, said he had no leads to work on and

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specific gene responsible.

The evidence is the more con-

vincing because it comes from two

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was relying on hunches. Miss Masheder had been due to fly home on Determber 22 to celebrate Christmas at the family home at Wincle, Cheshire, before starting a job with a firm of solicitors in London. 'Her parents last spoke to her by telephone from Chang Mai on December 7. On December 8 Miss Masheder sent a postcard from Bangkok to a friend, but

there the trail went cold. Mr Masheder, 49, has emliveries. He added: "When you ployed local private detectives get here you certainly underand placed newspaper and radio advertisements appealstand that some of the more ng for information about his remote parts of the country.

She had Christmas, her sister her way to Bangkok on De-Kate's 21st birthday and a new cember 8, or after that traveljob to look forward to. She is a ling south to get in touch. We sensible person and we are a know there were South Afrivery close family. If it had just cans with her but there may been a change of plan she have been British people too." Miss Masheder, a law gradwould have done everything to get in touch with us." uate from York University. He said the family were was on the final leg of a solo pinning their hopes on Miss three-month round-the-world trip when she disappeared. Masheder having been cut off by transport or communica-Her travels bad already taken tions problems. Many islands her to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Cheshire police are liaising with Interpol in the search for her. in the south do not have telephones or newspaper de-

Wendy Millard, Miss Masheder's aunt, said: "We are all sick with worry. Jo has kept in touch with us all the time she's been away, either by telephone or postcard. Her parents flew out to Thailand to look for her because they couldn't sit at home waiting for news. She's such a happy, friendly, gregarious person and very, very responsible." Police in Cheshire said Brit-

ons returning from boliday in the Far East may have crucial information about Miss Mashender's whereabouts.

Inspector Bob Bates urged them to search their memories to provide even the smallest detail of her movements after



Eubank blames weather for blast

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

THE former world boxing champion Chris Eubank said yesterday that he accepted full responsibility for a New Year's Eve fireworks party where two women suffered severe facial burns.

Mr Eubank, 29, who staged the impromptu celebration on Brighton beach for his family and friends, spoke of his regret after being questioned by police and released on bail. The two victims, aged 29 and 38, vere injured when a firework ignited others and exploded winto the crowd. The explosion is said to have rattled windows in restaurants on the seafront.

Both women were being treated at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, for serious burns to the face, neck, hands and chest. It is not yet known whether they will suffer permanent scarring.

Mr Eubank said yesterday "I thought I was being safe but I reckoned without the weather. After I had ignited one firework the wind blew it into a whole bunch and they went up. I take full responsibility for what happened. After all they were my fireworks." The former world super-

middleweight champion said he had gone to the local police station voluntarily and had been arrested there. No charges were made but he was bailed to return to the police station in five weeks. Mr Eubank, who lives in nearby Hove, had been entertaining his wife and two children at a hotel in Brighton. "I'm so sorry about this. Everyone was having such a good time," he said. A Sussex Police spokesman said that the Health and Safety Executive had been called in to investigate the incident.

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daughter. As she wanted to tour the islands in the south of Thailand before returning home, Mr and Mrs Masheder are concentrating on that area. Speaking from his hotel on Ko Samui, Mr Masheder said Christmas had been "hellish" for the family. "I thought she might have had problems travelling around but I became really worried when she

which is where backpackers like to go, do suffer from transport problems and communications difficulties. been completely cold so far with no sight, no sound of her. Our emotions are like a seesaw. I have appealed through the local press for anyone who might have been travelling with Jo in the north at the

December 8.

He said: "We are certain that other backpackers and holidaymakers who are re-"Unfortunately the trail has . turning home from Thailand will have seen this girl on their travels and could hold vital information about her whereabouts. "It is so out of character for

her to go off without a word and we are extremely concerned for her well-being." beginning of December, or on

Time and tide: Bob Smith, 72, and Mary Dowson, left, and Eleanor Atkinson, both \$1, were among New Year's Day swimmers at Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear. Mr Smith took his first annual dip in 1951 and hasn't missed one since

Man who took on muggers is shot dead

BY ADRIAN LEE

missed the plane," he said.

A PASSER-BY who tried to stop a mugging was shot dead yesterday and two of his friends were injured. Police were hunting a gang

of four or five men who escaped in a car after the killing in the St Paul's area of Bristol. Detectives said the victim,

Evon Berry, from the neigh-bouring Montpelier area, had been on his way home from a New Year's Eve party when he intervened. Mr Berry, 37, who was married with three daughters, was shot in the head and staggered 50 yards before collapsing outside a

taxi office. One of the two friends, who are brothers, was shot in the side and the other was pistolwhipped. They were under. guard in a Bristol hospital last night. The shot man, aged 36,

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slippers for Nick Harrison, 47, had been Angus's job since he joined the household more

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Berry: was returning from party with friends

was said to be "serious but stable". The other suffered a head injury that was not serious. A witness said Mr Berry pleaded for his life with his hands in the air before being shot at close range. The gunman suddenly turned on

Mr Harrison took off his

shoes in front of the television,

Angus ignored the new for-

lined gift bought by the com-pany director's wife Sue, 41,

and vanished. He returned an

hoar later and dropped the

old slippers at his master's

Mr Harrison, of Pudsey,

near Leeds, said: "He had

BY A STAFF REPORTER

workplace.

the three men and fired two shots into the ground before threatening them. The witness, who asked not to be named, said: They backed off as soon as they saw the gun. But this guy was berserk. He fired two shots at

Evon's feet and smashed the other guy in the face. "He then turned and fired at the other two as they continued to back off. Evon just said Peace, peace', before he was shot."

The mugging target, a man in his 30s from the Southampton area, was not seriously wounded and was able to give detectives information about his attackers.

The shooting happened at about 7 am as Mr Berry returned from supervising a party at the Malcolm X community centre, where he was caretaker. Mr Berry, a popular figure who was nicknamed

Bloodhound turns up his nose at new slippers

"Bangy", saw a man being and many friends. This has pistol whipped. The victim shattered the whole commun-ity. He has never done anyfour men. Mr Berry and his friends asked what was going on and were told to "mind she said.

their own business". As he and the others continued to protest they were threatened and gunshots were fired. As they moved back-wards, their hands in the air, a man ran forward and more shots rang out, police said. Mr Berry's widow, Linda,

said: "He was a lovely man who was just a big, gentle person who would not hurt anybody. We will all miss him, he was such a good father and a husband." His sister Jasmine, 26, said:

Everyone in the area liked him. He was a loving family man who cherished his wife and children. Evon enjoyed life to the full. He had a steady job, a beautiful loving family

thing wrong. He was not into drugs or anything like that,"

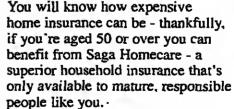
The St Paul's area is notorious for drug dealing and was the scene of riots in the 1980s. Chief Inspector Piet Biesheuvel, of Avon and Somerset Police, said: "The three men were walking home after a night out on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately they became the victims when they tried to intervene in what we believe to be an attempted street robbery.

"At this stage, there is no motive for the shootings. These men may just have been in the wrong place at the wrong time."

It is thought the gang of young men, who fled with only a gold necklace, came from outside the area.

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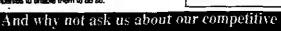
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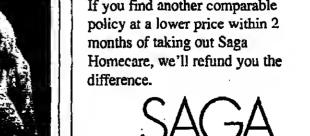


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tion company, and then back brought the slippers to Nick, again. Because they have had problems in the past with them at night. Angus bringing in rubbish from the bin at home, the couple have often thrown things away at Mr Harrison's attached to them."

Mrs Harrison, who breeds bloodhounds, said: "The dogs can smiff out a trail that is 12 hours old and Angus is always picking up scents when we take him walking.

The new slippers had no scent to them, but the pong on the old pair must have been unbelievable to his nose. When he gets his nose down, he is oblivious to anything else until he locates what he's looking for. He has always

and even used to sleep on "He used to play with them

as a puppy so he was quite

The couple have three other bloodhounds, Emily, Ruth and Rocky, but only Angus has the habit of bringing back rubbish. "He has brought old clothes, a camera and kitchen gloves out of our bin at home, so Nick started throwing

away personal items at work when he could," Mrs Harrison said. The couple have now decid-

ed to keep the old slippers until Angus becomes accustomed to fetching the new tartan pair.

Slipper of the yard: Angus with his quarry



always brought my slippers without me asking, and I wondered where he had got to. It was amazing. We thought it was hilarious." The route would have taken

Harrison's workplace, two-Angus over fields, across a byand-a-half miles from home. pass, through a shopping Unfortunately, Angus had been taken along for a walk centre and into an industrial when the dumping took place just after Christmas. When estate to reach the yard of Mr Harrison's graphic reproduc-



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Heads concede that women can also run schools

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A 125-YEAR tradition ended yesterday when the Head-masters' Conference masters changed its name to recog-nise that schools can also be run by women. The initials HMC will be

retained by the society, set up in 1869 for the heads of a select group of boys-only schools. But the amendment, to the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conforence, reflects a sea-change in independent school education in recent years, which has seen two-thirds of the HMC's 240 schools admit

The renaming was agreed by members with just one dissenting [but anonymous] vote and came as the fourth HMC school headmistress was named. Priscilla Chadwick will become principal of both Berkhamsted School and Berkhamsted School for Girls. which previously had separate head teachers. The first female HMC

school headships." head was appointed three

years ago. Gwen Randall took up her post at Framlingham College near Woodbridge in Suffolk in September 1993. She has been followed by Alison Willcocks at Bedales in Petersfield, Hampshire, and Helen Williams at the Royal National Institute for the

Blind New College. Worcester Vivian Anthony, secretary of the HMC, said: "We are likely to find our schools appointing the best person for the job and there are certainly instances where, in a coeducational school, the best person could be a woman.

"The conditions of mem-bership for HMC will re-main the same even though the title has changed. We are not trying to snaffle the women from the Girls' Schools Association, it is simply recognising the fact that women are being appointed to coeducational

Lynette Mathiesoo, 27, with Georgia, born as midnight struck at Liverpool Women's Hospital, She wins £1.250 from a food firm as the first child of 1996

Council proposes merger to save education costs **Community split by plan** for first all-age school

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

tary has opened deep

divisions. One resident in ten

has signed a petition opposing

the merger, and there have

been calls for a public inquiry

amid allegadons that the deci-sion may have been based on

Governors of the secondary

school, which topped national

examination league tables in

1994, have registered a statu-

The row has been simmer-

ing for three months, since

Professor Duncan Graham

tory objection to the merger.

misinformation.

THE usually serene commun-ity of the Isles of Scilly is in former chief executive of the National Curriculum Council. conflict over proposals to recommended the merger to deal with rising deficits. The education authority called him merge the two schools on the main island. St Mary's. Councillors have decided that, with in to find savings of E87,000 a an ageing population, there are not enough children to year as the number of pupils fell. The islands' council is to support both a primary and a secondary school. Their solhold a special meeting this month to reopen the debate. udon is to set up the first all-Although the population of age state school in England. the islands has remained at But the plan, which is still to be approved by Gillian Shep-hard, the Education Secrejust over 2.000 throughout the

century, many of the new residents are retired. The primary school on St Martin's has only two pupils; that on St Agnes, eight. With 125 pupils. the one secondary school, on St Mary's is England's smallest comprehensive. Within four years, it will be reduced to fewer than 100 pupils. Professor Graham estimated that the authority could

save £71,000 by merging the Isles of Scilly School with neighbouring Carn Gwaval primary school. But the figures, which were kept secret when councillors debated the

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report in September, have been hotly disputed by opponents of the plan. The secondary school's governors issued their own report last month, arguing that the savings would be "minimal" and the inevitable disruption would damage education. They claimed that councillors

had supported the scheme in

order to retain control of the schools' management. A "diary of events" in the governors' report claims that secret talks with the primary school had been taking place

since the start of the year. A governor was said to have been "scorned and humilian-ed" when he tried to put the case against merger at a public meeting. Marian Bennett, who re-

signed as a councillor before the furore broke, said: "There is clear evidence in this peace-ful island haven of a breakdown of the democratic, process, of misinformation and a total failure in the relationship between the local education authority and its schools."

Steve Wan, the council's tourism and development officer. acknowledged that the secondary school governors felt "bushwhacked", but said the scheme was the best financial and educational solution to the islands' problems. "It has developed into a schism between the primary school and the secondary school. which is a great shame. Mrs Shephard has until the

end of the school year to give her decision, but the council hopes she will make an announcement this month.



British airport chips put French fries to flight

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE myth that airport restaurants and cafés in France serve better food than their British counterparts has been

quashed by Egon Ronay. While the self-appointed guru of culinary endeavours liberally peppers a new report on Heathrow's food outlets with words such as "excellent", "delicious" and "the best", the fare at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris is "fit only for people who have damaged their palate".

Mr Ronay, it is true, had been paid by BAA, the airports operator, to compare catering standards in four of Europe's busiest airports. But out his investigation by two other people, who agreed with his findings.

to its European rivals, somewhat gleefully, by BAA. They will show that some of the fare available at Schiphol (Amsterdam) was "not fit for humans" while the catering at Frankfurt was at odds with the Germans' reputation for efficiency. Mr Ronay concluded that many Heathrow caterers make better coffee, better chips and even better croissants than their continental competitors. Schiphol is anchored at the

foot of the Ronay airport league table, getting just one out of ten for the quality of its food. "It is for the food masochist," he says. "It is below critici

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"We are delighted with the result of the survey," said a BAA spokesman yesterday "We always knew we had the best food and the widest choice at Heathrow and this has confirmed it." The Ronay results will be made available

Heathrow soars above rivals

HEATHROW is still by far the busiest international airport, latest figures show. In the week of January 15-21, about 625,000 passengers will depart from its terminals on international non-stop flights. In comparison Frankfurt

deals with 396,000 passengers and Hong Kong 388,000. However, Heathrow has to play second fiddle to the huge American airports when it comes to total passenger numbers. Chicago's O'Hare airport, its figures boosted by hordes of domestic travellers. tops the list with more than 954,000 passengers due to depart between January 15 and 21. Heathrow is fifth in the total list with 720,208 passengers.

Charles de Gaulle is just ahead, with two out of len. The airport's catering runs completely contrary to the French reputation for food." Mr Ronay said. "I would advise people to cat before they get to the airport."

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He gave Frankfurt four out of ten. "All the catering, including the food, exudes inefficiency." Heathrow was awarded six-and-a-half to seven out of ten.

Among the outrages the team's stomachs were subject-ed to was an "absolutely scandalous" croque monstrum and a "rather laughable" croissant in Paris: a hot dog sausage at Schiphol which tasted "like a piece of leather": and an "inedible" matjes her-

ring in Frankfurt. Mr Ronay and his team centred much of their attention on the most commonly bought products with coffee and chips being given marks out of ten. Heathrow came top in both. The most highly rated chips, which were half a mark short of perfection, were at the Heathrow Burger King. The worst. at Charles de Gaulle airport's French Riviera restaurant, received zero.

The best coffee - nine out of ten - was at Heathrow's The Granary restaurant in Terminal 3. Two outlets in Amsterdam and two in Paris both scored zero.

BA cracks secret of the flying toaster

BY A STAFF REPORTER

ONE of the last great challenges of flying has been solved at last: how to make fresh toast and cappuccino at 35,0006.

Until now, thin air has prevented even Italian airines from persuading coffee to froth at high altitudes, while fear of fire has meant that toast had to be made on the ground and reheated in the air.

A secret technological breakthrough was launched last year by Bridsh Airways on VIP flights for the Queen and John Major. The equipment worked so well that it is being introduced on 90 planes flying long-haul routes

First Class passengers will have their first taste of the new luxuries this week, before the scheme extends to Club World and World Traveller classes.

Passenger surveys by the airline had discovered that cappuccino coffee and fresh,

hot toast were two of the most wanted items on the airline's flights. The machines we designed by Blackpool engineering company Aerolux, and their secrets are being heavily guarded. All they will disclose is that the toaster has a cut-off device to prevent the toast burning and catching

million cups of criffee and 15 million pieces of reheated toast. The figures are expected to rise as the choice " widened.

The airline's manager of aircraft interiors, David Lake. said: "It is incredible that the industry has developed the world's most advanced aircraft, but just could not make a crisp piece of toast and decent Italian coffee on board until now.

"It seems so simple, but there's a feat of electronic engineering behind every cup and every slice."

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Metvest may be answer to knife attacks

BY OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST 3,000 different types of knives have been used to test new body armour for London police officers. Within the next few months 440 suits of armour will be handed out at police stations in the capital for testing on the streets.

The Metvest is the result of nine months of research by Scotland Yard. To find a new formula for the armour the Yard examined 2,900 knives used in attacks on the London streets over 18 months. The armour is designed to protect against knife thrusts equivalent to a blade travelling at up to 6 metres a second, or 35 kilojoules of kinetic energy. It should also offer protection against handgun ammunition such as 9mm and .357 in bullets. At the same time the armour, which weighs less than two kilos, should be light enough to be worn throughout an eight-hour shift. The Yard will not discuss

the materials used or the possible price per vest but experts say the vests are likely to be based on Kevlar and would cost £200 or more each. The winner of the contract to produce the vests could almost certainly expect worldwide sales.

The specification was drawn up after the Yard tested existing armour on the market and found it unsuitable. Body armour was subjected to shots and stab wounds delivered by

a special rig. The Yard has already issued 4,000 sets of body armour for set-piece operations, such as sieges. They are often carried in cars. Another 1,000 sets of covert body armour are held in stock and may be used on dangerous surveillance or CID operations, including raids. The Mervest is intended for everyday use.

Deputy Assistant Larry Roach, heading the project, said: "The Mervest faces its crucial test. We will not ask whether it is wearable but whether police can carry out their full range of operational duties while wearing it

covertly." The search for protection followed a series of knife attacks and murders of officers which left police on the beat angry about the lack of official body armour. Police were particularly unhappy VOU



Flowers and a memorial wreath still lie at the scene of the murder. A detective said: "Whatever society thinks of these three characters, they were loved and respected"

Second killer finished off drug dealers

BY STEWART TENDLER

A GUNMAN who killed three drug dealers in Essex used an accomplice to help finish off his victims, police said yesterday. The victims trusted their killer so implicitly that they brought no weapons to a socalled business meeting in a quiet country lane near the village of Rettendon.

Almost four weeks after Tony Tucker, Patrick Tate and Craig Rolfe were found shot dead in their Range Rover, detectives are still facing a wall of silence. The underworld has so far ignored appeals for information and police fear criminals will take the law into their own hands. Yesterday, at the entrance to the lane where the men died, seven floral displays and a wreath still lay on the ground. One to Tate read: "A wonderful man. Poison did this to



Tate, left, described in one tribute as a wonderful man, was probably the assassins' prime target. Tucker and Rolfe died because they were with him

moved forward and opened the rear offside door beside implicated in the killing. Two shots were fired and one was Tate. He swung up a shortleft in the gun in case the ened, three-shot, pump-action 12 bore and shot Rolfe and killers were challenged as they Tucker once each behind the

Detective Superintendent Ivan Dibley, leading a 40ear. The last shot hit Tate full strong murder squad, said: "It

Dibley said: "Whatever society thinks of these three characters, they were loved and respected." At the same time, other

teams of drug dealers and suppliers may try to fill the void created by the deaths. South Essex and the area

the three, made enough from his illegitimate and legitimate interests to pay a £165,000 mortgage on a luxury home at the rate of £1,200 a month. The killers may have been targeting just one of the trio,

used steroids. He had built up a successful business providing burly doormen for clubs

Remand for shopworker on stabbing charges

A supermarket worker ap peared in court yesterday charged with ten attempte nurders after shoppers and staff were stabbed in a knife ttack. Shahid Iobal, 22, of Birmingham, is also accused of attempting to cause griev-ous bodily harm to two police officer

Mr Iqbal, a shelf-stacker at the Netto store in Bordesley Green, Birmingham, where the attack took place, was remanded in custody for cight days by city magistrates. Five people are recovering in hospital after the attack on Friday.

Lottery rush

A'rush on National Lottery ticket outlets is expected as they reopen today after being closed for New Year's Day. The organiser, Camelot, be-lieves the lottery jackpot, which will be at least £33 miltion, could reach £40 million this week as the double rollover draw on Saturday mosts sales.

Rooks survey

The British Trust for Ornithology is planning a survey of the impact on rooks of rural change. It is feared that their food supply could be under pressure because of modern farming methods and the recent hot and dry summers, and their oesting sites from Datch Elm Dis case and utrban development.

Ex-teacher killed

A retired teacher was stabbed to death on his diporstep late oo New Year's Evc; in Snow-Ionia. William Hughes, 62, is believed to have of yeard the door to a caller at his cottage in Tregarth, near Eango Gwynedd. A police spokes-man said that a local man. aged 26, was helping, their inquiries.

Famine marke

The Irish Government h approved; £1.000 grants t restore 12 gravejards where victims of Ireland's famine are buried. The money is part of a programme to mark five years in the middle of the last century when the potato crop failure caused more than a million deaths and sparked mass emigration.

Superman hurt

A new-year party-goer

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over the death of beat officer PC Patrick Dunne, shot when he went to investigate the murder of a drug dealer in south London. Sir Paul Condon, the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was personally told by beat officers about their anxiety.

It was December 6 when The gunman then reloaded and shot all three again. He Rolfe, 26, drove his new car to the meeting. Analysis of the scene showed that another reloaded for a second time, and police think he may have handed the gun to a second man. This could have been the vehicle was already parked against the side of the track. The Range Rover drove by and halted at a gate. man who hired him, or his getaway driver. Whatever the As Rolfe halted with his foot reason, the gunman wanted to make sure someone else was on the brake, the gumman

in the stomach.

has got to be someone they trusted implicitly. Revenge is a realistic prospect. There is no way those three would go down there unarmed, unprepared and at ease."

Now there is fear in the underworld. Not only are criminals facing revenge but there is also distrust. Mr

around Basildon has become the home ground of traffickers stockpiling supplies brought from Holland via Harwich and Dover.

The three men dealt in a range of drugs including cannabis and Ecstasy. Tucker, the 38-year-old business brains of

Exports

but may have had to kill them all. Investigators are concentrating on Tate, 37, released from prison five weeks before the shooting. An aggressive former armed robber and body builder who made heavy use of steroids, a mystery gunman had shot at him outside his home in Basildon while he was out on licence in

and public houses from the Basildon area into the edge of the East End of London. In some cases club bouncers have become part of the drug supply system. Rolfe, a heavy user of cocaine, was the "gopher" for Tucker and would run errands. Unlike the other two. he had no criminal record.

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1994. Tucker is thought to

have known Tate since their

boyhood days. He was also

keen on body-building and

dressed as Superman broke his ankle and suffered cuts to his head after jumping 15ft into a frozen canal near Leeds. The man, still wearing his fancy dress costume, was taken to Leeds General infirmary by firemen from nearby Bramley.

Army transforms British Tommy into high-tech 'lethality man'

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE infantry soldier of the next century will become a high-tech "lethality man", according to a futuristic plan being drawn up by the Ministry of Defence.

By 2010, soldiers could be equipped with a helmet like that of a fighter pilot with a head-up display giving instant information about the battle-

Under a programme called future fighting soldier system, the MoD is researching ways in which the Army can take advantage of the best military technology without requiring the infantryman to have a doctorate in physics or to carry a heavy power pack to keep all the electronic gadgets working

 over long periods. The aim of the study, which

is being carried out by the MoD's defence research agency, is to ensure that the British soldier is not equipped with the latest technology on a

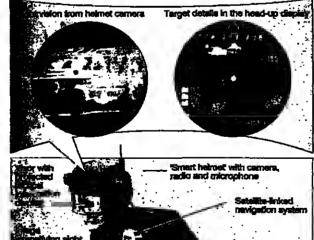
piecemeal basis, but as part of an overall concept. In the past, new equipment

has sometimes been supplied by the Army without proper assessment of how it will fit the soldier's needs in different

battle situations. For example, soldiers trying out a new antitank gun discovered that they

could not look through the eyepiece if they were wearing a respirator.

The early version of the "lethality man" - the descripsoldier equipped with a hel-met-mounted low-light camtion used by the MoD focuses on the need to develop an integrated fighting system. incorporating new technologies to enhance combat effectiveness in the next century. The first phase of the repicture in the head-up display search programme is well



under way and envisages

era, a head-up display behind

a protective visor, and a rifle

with an image intensifying

sight and a laser aimer. The

will be able to switch between



the camera and the weapon

The key element of the research is to provide the soldier in the field with accurate up-to-date information which would allow him to outwit the enemy. The plan is to equip him with digital

mapping and compass, and the ability to transmit pictures back to headquarters, although not in real time.

Colonel Donald Wilson who is in charge of the programme as deputy director of the Army's operational requirements, said the timing for the new-look soldier involved three phases.

The first will come at the turn of the century when the Army's Bowman digitised combat radio is due to come into service. Five years later the Army is expected to introduce a "revolutionary" combat uniform, called Combat Soldier 2005 - replacing Combat Soldier 95 clothes which were unveiled last month.

Under government policy guidelines, in 2010 the fighting soldier will not be armed with a laser weapon that can kill or blind an enemy. Lasers will be used only in target marking and assessing ranges.

The Army's current SASO rifle will be improved with thermal imaging sights but the weapon itself is due to remain in service until about 2015, which means that the fully integrated soldier with a new high-tech rifle will not appear until after then.

Colonel Wilson said: "In every other area of operational capability, the Army thinks in terms of manning equipment. But an infantry soldier is the platform for equipment and it's vital he is given systems that suit his needs and abilities."

The new fighting system will be based around five elements - lethality, survivability, communications, mobility and sustainability (providing enough batteries to the high-tech power equipment).

income by £75m

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

OVERSEAS sales of the BBC's documentary history series People's Century, which chronicles the events of the past 100 years, helped to push the corporation's commercial revenue to a record £75 million in 1995.

to broadcasters in 14 countries in 1995, earning the BBC £5.6 million — more than half the £10 million production costs and more than any single

Colin Jarvis, of BBC Worldwide, the corporation's commercial arm. said: "It is very rare to recoup the entire investment in a programme purely from international sales, but if People's Century continues at this level, we will

People's Century records the achievements and disas-ters of the 20th century through the eyes of the ordi nary citizens who witnessed them at first hand,

The second best-selling programme was the six-part adaptation of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, which cost around 16 million to produce and achieved sales of £2.5 million in 15 countries. It was followed by The Buccaneers, an adaptation of Edith Wharton's unfinished novel.

which earned £1.2 million. Sir David Attenborough's six-part natural history pro-gramme, The Private Life of Plants, earned £1.1 million and the soap opera East-Enders came fifth with sales of £900,000.

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The 26-part series was sold

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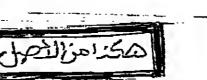
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EUROPEANNEWS

Fears over Agnelli's style cast doubt on EU agenda

AS ITALY took over the Euro-Pean Union presidency from Spain vesterday amid domes-the political turmoil, there was the political turmoil, there was ment of national unity to uncertainty our whether car ment of national unity to uncertainty over whether Su- complete Italy's electoral sunna Agnelli, the Events sanna Agnelli, the Foreign reforms Minister, would be able to steer the EU through the Centre-Left parties want prior critical opening stages of revis ing the next six months.

Gianni Agnelli, the Fiat mag-nate, became Foreign Minister u year ago at the age of 73 regard his "broad coalition" as when Lamberto Dini took over as interim Prime Minister after the collapse of the Centre-Right coalition led by Silvio Berlusconi. At the week end, however. Signor Dini resigned, and President Scallaro asked parliament to decide this week whether lack decide this week whether Italy should hold elections or give Signor Dini a further term as caretaker leader, Signora Agnelli's fate therefore depends on Signor Dini's.

In his new year message. Signor Scalfaro hinted that he was against early elections. saving the interests "both of Italy and foreign countries" required at least six months'

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FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

magazine Oggi, stems partly from her opbringing in the Agnelli dynasty. Her autobi-

ography. We Afways Wore Soilor Suits, describes a life of

youthful privilege, with cham-pagne for breakfast and wild

Riviera.

a ploy to avoid a trial later this month on bribery charges. The impasse leaves Signor Dini and Signora Agnelli holding the ring. Diplomats are alarmed, however, by the uncertainty over whether Signora Agnelli will be chairing agreement on the reforms, including legislation on the EU ministerial meetings

media, which would directly Signora Agnelli, sister of affect Signor Berlusconi's connot of Italian television. His opponents on the Centre Left EU affairs.



Agnelli: loses patience ith red tape and waffle when he was Foreign Secretary, seeing him as the arche-Italophile English typa gentleman.

Some diplomats find her forceful style refreshing, but others are worried by her open dislike of long and "tedious" detailed EU discussions. Spanish officials in particular complain that Signora Agnelli paid only a flying visit to Madidi just hefora Christmar throughout the six-month presidency. Some go further, and are unsure whether she has the patience to manage Madrid just before Christmas to "pick up the baton" of the EU presidency. Spain fears that after the achievements of The colourful personality of Signora Agnelli, who writes an agony aunt column in the

the Madrid summit last month, including agreements on EU enlargement and the single currency timetable. Signor Dini and Signora Agnelli will let the EU agenda slip. Carlos Westendorp, Spain's new Foreign Minister, said at the weekend that Italy and

drives with her brother on the Spain had a shared interest in She has remained unensuring that relations betouched by Italy's corruption tween the "hard core" countries joining a single currency scandals, and, as the only and those left outside it were woman in the Dini Cabinet. properly regulated.

has acquired a reputation for robust impatience with red To have a single currency tape and waffle. She develwith different conditions oped an almost passionate would be a catastrophe for us admiration for Douglas Hurd all." Senor Westendorp said.

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General de Gaulle broadcasts to occupied France from the BBC World Service studios in London in 1941

'Voice of liberty' is silenced by costs and changing tastes

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French language service of the BBC, which sustained France during the darkest hours of the Second World War, was silent yesterday for the first time in more than half a century, a victim of budget cuts and changing tastes. Established in 1938, French broadcasts by the BBC World Service became la voix de la fiberte to many in France and a potent symbol of resistance to Nazi occupation. The decision to scrap the service coincided with new laws limiting the amount of British and American pop

music that can be broadcast by French stations. The BBC played a key role in stiffening French resolve and rolling back what some

head of the BBC European Region, said.

French commentators yesterday paid tribute to "La Beeb". The day de Gaulle broadcast his message of hope and determination, the BBC became part of French history", said Andre Gillois, a wartime broadcaster.

At midnight on Sunday, just as the BBC ceased broadcasting to the French people, a new law came into force requiring French radio stations to ensure that at least 40 per cent of all pop songs broadcast are in French. The law is aimed at nurturing the

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during the war. On June 18, 1940, de Gaulle, speaking from the BBC studios in London, called on the French people to stand firm against the German occupiers, and on the eve of D-Day the service broadcast the famous line by the poet Paul Verlaine, "Les sangfots longs des violons de l'automne" ("the long sobs of autuninal violins"), a coded message that liberation was imminent.

However, with French audiences dwindling and widely dispersed. the BBC has ruled that the service is no longer economically viable. The World Service must cut costs by £6 million this year in line with Foreign Office budget restrictions. The BBC "greatly regretted the necessity of this decision", Andrew Taussig.

see as an encroaching tide of Anglo-American culnire.

Many music industry analysts admit, however, that there is hardly enough good French pop music to meet the new requirements. "We are going to have to broadcast mediocre stuff," Gerard Louvin, president of the radio slation Voltage FM, said.

Others point out that French pop music is less successful than the Anglo-American variety because, for the most part. is considerably worse. Listeners anxious to escape banal French pop music still have one recourse; as one newspaper noted yesterday: "The French will still be able to hear broadcasts by the Beeb ... in English".

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Greeks Denmark tries to postpone revive city talks on of culture succession

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

LAUNCHED with a huge firework display. Copenhagen entered the new year as Europe's 1996 capital of cul-ture and embarked on a campaign to revive the city and make it the hub of a dynamic new region at the mouth of the Baltic. The 800-year-old Danish

capital with its relaxed pro-vincial charm seems affluent to tourists. However, the home of about one million people has in recent decades become more of an administrative centre; new industry has been moving out to the provinces, leaving the central and harbour areas to decay. An exodus to the suburbs has meant falling population and decreasing tax revenue, pushing the city deep into debt when more money is needed to tackle high levels of

crime and drug problems. The capital of culture project has a one billion kroner (£115 million) budget, with 600 events planned in-volving more than 50,000 people. About 100 visiting projects will include displays of paintings by Picasso and Rembrandt, an Islamic exhibition, music festivals, ballet, theatre and modern dance. The Royal Danish Ballet will perform a new Hamlet rock ballet beside the moat of Elsinore Castle.

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN ATHENS GREEKS celebrated the new year yesterday in Athens' Con-

stitution Square, but the spectacular firework display was overshadowed by continuing uncertainty over Andreas Papandreou, the critically ill Prime Minister.

Optimists had expected that the end of the festive period would see George. Mr Papandreou's eldest son, as the Education Minister, walking into his father's suite in the Onassis Heart Centre and emerging later with a docu-ment announcing the Prime Minister's resignation.

However, nothing is that simple under the Byzantine and, critics say totalitarian way in which Mr Papandreou. 76. runs his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok).

Despite claims by SWIE doctors that the Prime Minister will never be fit enough to resume his duties, Pasok's executive bureau, has decided to postpone talks on the succession until January 20.

Miltiades Evert, the leader of the conservative New Democracy, has threatened to call a vote of no confidence against the Government on January 7 unless Pasok begins the process of succession.

in his new year message President Stephanopoulos sent a clear signal to Pasok to replace Mr Papandreou.

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Dangers facing Riyadh's rulers lie in the gap between myth and reality

S audi Arabia is not a country. it is family business. This observation by an Arab friend is as apt today as it was a decade ago, when he had just returned from listening to King Fahd brooding on the threats that surrounded his kingdom. Perhaps only North Korea has

politics as obscure as those of Saudi Arabia. Its rulers claim authority from tradition, and its critics Irequently cast it as medieval, yet Saudi Arabia is a modern creation. just seven decades old, a product of the conquests of the Nejdi tribal coalition of four-fifths of the Arabian Peninsula in the 1920s, a time before oil gave the region any special importance. Britain was not happy, not least because the Saudi warriors proceeded to annex twothirds of the British-protected state of Kuwait.

The danger facing Saudi Arabia today is that, with all the differ-

Its rulers claim their authority from tradition and critics cast it as medieval, yet Saudi Arabia is a modern creation, writes Fred Halliday

ences of time and ideology, it will but a middle-income country. Per go the way of its first friend, the Soviet Union. It is not so much capita earnings are around £3,900, employment for the educated is external military threat or internal revolt but a combination of sclerobecoming increasingly hard to find, and there is widespread resentment sis among the aged men who rule it and the challenges of a new about the corruption of the many princes of the royal house.

Women may be contained and educated middle class that will bring the Saudi story to an end. For coerced, but they are as aware as all its claims to Islamic rectitude, anyone of the gap between Saudi myth and Saudi reality, and be-tween that reality and the outside the state itself is a modern one. financed by oil, armed and guaranteed by America and deploying a world. Saudi concern with public opinion is clear from the efforts contemporary form of religious they put into censorship at home Yet, while h holds a quarter of the and abroad. With an elite that enjoys its international shopping

urips, videos, luxury cars and whisky as much as anyone, Saudi Arabia now faces a persistent challenge that no shuffles at the top, or invocations of Islamic tradition, can dispel.

For decades the country was able to use its oil wealth to insulate itself from outside challenge; its neigh-bours on the peninsula, from Kuwait to Yemen, knew what the sword on the Saudi flag portended, while the Saudi rulers, strong in their verbal support for the Islamic

cause in Palestine, were careful to keep out of involvement in the five Arab-Israeb wars. The oil boom of the early 1970s appeared to justify reliance on "oil power", but events after 1973, when the oil price was quadrupled, have shown the limits of such power.

In 1977, Anwar Sadat, the late Egyptian leader, broke Arab ranks and sought a direct peace with Israel. In 1979 the Saudis woke up

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to find in Iran a new, more militant Islamic rival across the waters of the Gulf. Saudi influence in Washington, the cornerstone of its foreign policy, was weakened in the 1980s and, from 1982, the price of oil began its long decline.

ll this appeared to change when Saddam Hussein in-vaded Kuwait in August 1990. But the victory over Iraq. while a welcome respite for the Saudi family, brought its own problems: costs of up to \$70 billion £45 billion), renewed conflict with populous Yemen, pressure from Washington to normalise relations with Israel, and a growing nation-alist and Islamist opposition within the country itself. Many in the Saudi elite now argue that Kuwait is not worth defending, and that they should make their peace with Saddam, Fahd's 1993 creation of a consultative council did little to

assuage critics. Perhaps the greatest political asset the monarch retains is the negative example of what has occurred all around, in Iran, Iraq and the Horn of Africa. As with the Soviet bureaucracy,

there are signs among the Saudi rulers of divided opinion, and the long period of uncertainty associated with Fahd's recent years has compounded these divisions. Crown Prince Abdullah, nominated to rule on an interim basis, is believed to be more nationalist and pro-American than the "Sudairi Seven", the seven sons of King ibn Saud's favourite wife Sudairi. He is also known to have good relations with the regime in Syria, and may well feel strengthened by the rift that has opened up between Tehran and Damascus over Israel. But he is unlikely, given the collective pressures to which he,

too, is subject, to take bold initia-

tives. The problem of change is

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eo-oper Hong compounded by the variety of oppostion opinion within the coun-try. The Shias of the Eastern Province appear for the moment to have been won over by concessions from the ruling family. The liberal, somewhat more secular. middle class wants gradual opening up, but not if this means civil war or Islamist rule.

The Islamists appear to want a replacement of the Saudi family as a whole. There is also much sinister rhetoric in their proclamations. The family is not about to go out of operation; the business, however, may be in considerable trouble.

Fred Halliday is Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics. He is the author of Islam and the Myth of Confrontation to be published on January 16 (I.B. Tauris, £12.95)

> Abdut Aziz Ibn Sauds' roy family also lockudes a further 44 sons by 22 when

world's oil reserves, it is not a rich, **Secretive family** holds the key to Arabia's stability

intolerence to quell opponents.

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE House of Saud is the richest, most extensive and most secretive ruling dynasty in the world. On it depends the stability of Arabia and the Gulf, the security of the world's oil reserves and the custody of the two Islanic holy cities that are sacred to more than a billion Muslims all over the world,

The royal descendants of Abdul Aziz ibn-Saud, the puritan warrior from central Arabia who united the peninsula 70 years ago, number in their thousands. All the top jobs in the kingdom are controlled by the ageing sons of the revered monarch, or his grandsons. Although King Fahd bin Abd-ul Azi2 recently announced the appointment of technocrats in the most thorough Government shake-up for 20 years, the levers of power - the army, intelligence services, home and foreign affairs ministries - remain firmly in the family's hands.

Yesterday's annouocement is the first clear confirmation that the stroke suffered by King Fahd last month was Saud, was forced to abdicate more extensive and debilitatafter a reign of profligacy; the throne passed in 1964 to the ing than previously announced, and that the line of greatest so far of all Saudi succession has been firmly

THE HOUSE OFSAUD established and will not be allowed to become a cause of

friction within the family. Although he has laid down his mandate only temporarily and has not abdicated, there is little confidence in Saudi Arabia or Western capitals that he will resume the throne. By tribal tradition, the suc-

Washington: There was no immediate comment from the White House yesterday, but King Fahd's announcement is bound to cause apprehension (Martin Fletcher writes). The 73-yearold monarch has been a firm friend of America ever since the 1991 Gulf War.

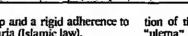
cession has, since the death of Ibn Saud, passed from one of his 44 sons to the next, rather than by primogeniture. But a family conclave has to endorse the succession. The first king.

monarchs, King Faisal, who was the man more than any other who brought Saudi Arabia into the modern world and laid the foundations of an oilfinanced welfare state. His two sons, both well

educated and articulate, hold key positions in Saudi Arahia today: Prince Saud al-Faisal is the Foreign Minister, and his brother Prince Turki heads the intelligence service. If the succession is ever to skip a generation, Prince Saud is the stronger contender.

After King Faisal's assassination, the throne went to King Khaled. But he was in poor health; King Fahd had held the job of Prime Minister and took over on his brother's death. Two of his younger brothers hold key positions: Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, next in line after Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, is the Defence Minister, and Prince Salman ibn-Abdul Aziz

is Governor of Riyadh. Prince Sultan's two sons also hold key appointments: Prince Khalid was the comship and a rigid adherence to mander-in-chief of Saudi sharia (Islamic law) forces during the Gulf war. Religion, however, is the and his brother. Prince Banfield where the Sauds' rule has dar, is Saudi Ambassador to faced the greatest domestic Washington. challenge. A fundamentalist There has been widespread movement in Nejd, central speculation over rivalries be-Saudi Arabia, sparked riots tween the princes. It has been last year, and is nourished by suggested that King Fahd has dissident Islamic exiles who tried to freeze out Prince accuse the Sauds of profligacy, neglecting Islam and failing to defend the kingdom despite Abdullah and has more trust in Prince Sultan. But as one member of the family said: huge spending on arms. "Outsiders forget that this is a At the same time a growing budget deficit, caused partly by the Gulf War expenditure, family. They meet frequently. They do not suddenly threaten to turn the National Guard on brought about an economic crisis last year that led to the each other." What unites the entire rulnear bankruptcy of thousands of businesses dependent on the Government. This led to ing family is the Wahhabi brand of fundamentalist Islam; King Fahd has pro-claimed himself the "Custoconsiderable grunbling in the growing and educated Saudi dian of the Two Holy Cities" middle-class of merchants and and it is this title that is professionals. Last year, the Government paramount, Religion is strictly moved to quell dissent. It controlled and enforced, with quietly changed the composirestrictions on Christian wor-



Prince intolerant of dissent tion of the ultra-conservative

BY MICHAEL BINYON

Middle East's most implaca-

the key to a comprehensive

Middle East peace settlement,

but the two nations have been

unable to agree terms for an

Israeli withdrawal from the

Iran has meanwhile at-tacked Syria, its main Arab

ally, for seeking peace with Israel. Over the weekend Ali

Akbar Velayati, Iran's Foreign

Minister, accused Syria of

"humiliating itself", and

An Israeli-Syrian accord is

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Crown Prince Abdullah leading the Saudi team at a Gulf Arab Co-operation Council summit in Oman last month

Algerian President | Mixed signals as Israel and Syria prepare for new talks promotes diplomat to Prime Minister

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

PRESIDENT ZEROUAL of Algeria has appointed a skilful negotiator, Ahmed Ouyahia, as Prime Minister to replace Mokdad Sifi, who becomes a state minister. ter was among the rare hold-

Mr Ouyahia, a 43-year-old career diplomat, was the President's head of Cabinet from early 1994 after Mr Zeroual was appointed as head of state, a position he consolidated in Algeria's first multicandidate presidential election on November 16.

The new Prime Minister won a reputation as a skilful negotiator when he brokered a 1993 peace accord that ended warfare in neighbouring Mali between its Government and Tuareg guerrillas seeking

more autonomy. Mr Ouyahia took over on Sunday evening after an official ceremony in the government heaquarters. The new Prime Minister also held talks

with his predecessor. Political sources said Mr Zeroual had earlier entrusted Mr Ouyahia with carrying out several rounds of dialogue with opposition parties, which had given him experience of Algeria's complicated political arena and the aspirations of

Muslim fundamentalists. It was Mr Ouayahia who last July briefed local journalists on failed negotiations beween jailed leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS)

tors resume talks on a seclud-ed estate near Washington tomorrow amid conflicting reports on what they achieved ast week Simon Peres, Israel's Prime Minister, told his Cabinet and the presidency, which were held to try to end four years of violence in which an estimated 50,000 people have there had been "understandings reached with the Syrian

representatives on a number of issues", but Ehud Barak, the Foreign Minister, offered a meeting of Israeli setticrs on the Golan Heights a more guarded assessment. He said

ISRAELI and Syrian negotia-

ment's performance in reshaping a crippled economy and holding the country's first multi-candidate presidential election. The poll attracted a huge turnout despite Muslim guerrilla threats to kill voters.

The departing Prime Minis-

ers of that office to win

recognition even from opposi-

tion parties for his Govern-

Diplomats and analysts said they believed that Mr Ouyahia's appointment was aimed at underlining Mr Zeroual's commitment to hold parliamentary elections in the next six months and to continue talks with the opposition, including the jailed FIS lead-

Mr Zeroual had promised to encourage young people to take part in political life. including top positions. Mr Ouyahia was widely expected to carry on Mr Zeroual's AN AERIAL view of 18,740

tive and management role to

carry out his policy.

programme of economic re-forms and reshaping Algeria's chairs placed next to the Tel institutions through multiparty elections. Under Algeria's constitu-tion, the President holds huge powers, leaving the Prime Minister with a largely execumen and academics into the

throne 19

the two sides "had yet to begin

to talk about substance and it

would take more time to know

whether there is a partner to

Ambassador to Washington

who heads his country's nego-

tiating team, said the atmo-

sphere was bener and the

three-day talks more serious

than the previous negotiations

that collapsed six months ago,

but "no final understanding

was reached on any of the

subjects discussed".

Walid Mualem, the Syrian

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arrested ring-leaders of dissident clergy; adopted a radical budget that cut spending by 20 per cent and slashed subsi-PRINCE ABDULLAH, at 71 dies; and consolidated a former advisory council - the Majlis al-Shura - which two years younger than King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, is likely brought senior professional to be less overtly pro-Western than his brother. He is closer

to the Islamic establishment in Saudi Arabia and more decision-making process. Last month a bomb that killed six American advisers underlined the potential for dissent and led to debate in Middle East Saudi Arabia about the counany changes in Saudi foreign policy, which is governed by try's strong pro-Western orientation and the need to adapt a tribal system of government to a complex developed econotism and a preference for my. This, as much as anyquiet diplomacy rather than thing, probably provoked public pronouncements. impatient younger princes to persuade King Fahd that he

should step aside. He may now find it hard to come back.

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but the matters are still not

settled ... The talks were

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The Clinton Administration

has convened the talks at the

Wye Plantation, a conference

centre on Maryland's eastern

shore, an hour's drive from

Washington, in the hope that

the informal atmosphere will

lubricate the stalled negotia-

tions between two of the

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

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THE NEWS

> Abdullah, is being trained and advised by American personnel

Prince Abdullah has a reputation for greater personal probity than his younger brother Sultan. He is also intolerant of dissent, and may critical of the West, Israel and Western interests in the This is unlikely to lead to make greater use of the Guard to round up dissidents. crack down on pro-Iranian caution, discretion, pragmafundamentalists and uphold religious strictures which are already zealously enforced by the Mutawaa religious police. His most difficult task will

Hassan Habibi, Iran's Vice-

cancelled a trip to Syria.

Tehran Government.

However, it may lead to a slight distancing from Saudi be to bring the economy back into balance. The 1996 budget, Arabia's close involvement with America, even though published yesterday, will the 77,000-strong National Guard, fiercely loyal to Prince maintain a spending freeze while the world's largest oil

exporter tackles ecooomic hardships caused by a drop in world oil prices and the huge costs of the 1991 Gulf War. The new 150 billion rival

(£25.9 billion) budget is forecasting an 18.5 billion riyal deficit in 1996, compared to a forecast 15 billion riyal sbortfall in 1995. The budget was published after discussion by the Cabinet during its weekly session.

main as secluded and secretive as his brothers, handicapped by a stutter and a reserved manner. He has a strong rapport with the Bedouin, however, and is likely to be more energetic in restoring self-confidence to the kingdom which has clearly been unsettled by recent internal and external challenges.

Prince Abdullah will re-

dent Clinton to approve the

President, is said to have covert action programme. even though the CIA is unsure how to spend the money. Cairo: Islamic militants put President Mubarak of Egypt at the top of their hit-list for 1996.

said it had killed two policemen, including a lieutenantcolonel, and a passer-by "just hours before the end of 1995 In June the United States imposed a trade and investand its priority for the new

Iran also said yesterday that it would protest to the United Nations and the World Court if the US Congress approved a \$20 million (EI3 million) covert The Gamaa al-Islamiya action fund being sought by Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, to destabilise the

year was "to liquidate" the Egyptian leader. (AFP)

EU chides Arafat for

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

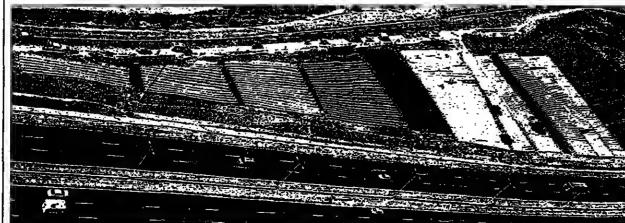
EUROPEAN monitors yesterday criticised Yassir Arafat for bypassing election laws, including shortening the cam-paign for the Palestinian ections

Carl Lidbom, the head of European Union's Electoral Unit, issued a statement expressing concerns about developments affecting the elections ue later this month. He highlighted the decision of the Palestinian Authority to shorten the campaign period from 22 to 14 days "without explanation".

He said it was a matter of regret that Mahmud Abbas, the chairman of the Palestinian Central Election Commission, had not seen fit to discuss such matters with the EU

gie morei ou io insurance and election monitors. Mr Lidbom said he would have raised the question of why Mr Arafat, the chairman of both the extra on your J Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organis-ation, was allowed to issue presidential decrees affecting the elections, including in-creasing the number of seats in the Legislative Assembly. "The events of the past few

and uncertainty, and give the impression of the arbitrary use of power to redesign the electoral architecture," he said. "The European Electoral Unit believes that the series of improvisations and irregularities should now cease if the elections are to retain any

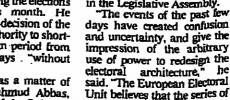


Campaigning for safety

Aviv-Haifa motorway yesterday to represent the number of people killed in traffic accidents in Israel since 1948 nne-day campaign was held in the country to reduce the number of road accident (Bill Hutman writes). The casualties. "The fact is that figure is more than the the major cause of accidents number of Israelis killed in in this country is bad drivmilitary conflicts. Yesterday ing," Moshe Shahal, the

Internal Security Minister. said at a press conference to lannch the campaign. Patrol cars were out in force aided by helicopters on the lookout for reckless drivers. One police district reported that tion of nearly five million.

it had run out of traffic tickets because so many were issued. The campaign ap-peared to have worked. Only 13 road accidents were reported in Israel yesterday compared with more than 80 on an average day in the country, which has a popula-



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Sarajevo resounds with gunfire and explosions as Bosnia celebrates peace at start of year

Peking calls for new co-operation over Hong Kong

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHINA'S top official handling Hong Kong affairs hailed 1996 with a call for a new dawn in Sino-British ties in the 18 months before the handover of the territory. This year would be the most important in the transition to

the return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on July I. 1997. Lu Ping, the director of China's Hong Kong and Ma-cau Affairs Office, said. "I am looking forward to a new dawn appearing in Sino-

British co-operation on the issue of Hong Kong " Mr Lu said. He repeated criticism of

Britain for "creating many obstacles to the stable transition of Hong Kong and smooth transfer of power". A visit to Peking next week by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, would see new progress, with the issue of

Hong Kong expected to top the agenda. Mr Lu said. President Jiang Zemin dom-inated the Chinese front pages on New Year's Day, in a clear reminder that he starts 1996 as the designated successor to

Deng Xiaoping. About 3,000 Chinese climbed a section of the Great

KwaZulu toll rises

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG A FURTHER 20 people have been murdered in Kwa-Zulo/Natal as a year that In Johannesburg, police fired rubber bullets as new year celebrations turned into claimed close to 1,000 victims chaos. Five people were incame to an end. More than jured, three critically, as bot-200 have been killed since tles, plant pots and even a Christma The latest toll came yester-

settee were hurled from flats. In a new year message President Mandela referred day despite government pledges to step up security in the most volatile areas. This to the Government's proposals to privatise some state assets, including the national airline and parts of the post followed the massacre of 19 people on Christmas Day. They were attacked near the office, which threaten to set holiday resort of Port off intensive industrial unrest Shepstone by an impi of up to and a showdown between the 600 supporters of the Zulu-African National Congress based Inkatha Freedom Party and its major alliance partner, the Congress of South African of Chief Mangosuthu Trade Unions.

Wall outside Peking as part of a campaign to promote outdoor sports and physical fit-ness. The organisers, includ-ing the Chinese Mountaineer-ing Association, had hoped to attract 10,000 dimbers. In Sarajevo the new year

was greeted with heavy bursts of machinegun fire, tracers and explosions, but for the first time since the spring of 1992 the shooting was in joy, not anger.

For several minutes before and after midnight, tracers and flares lit up the sky around the city to mark the start of 1996, but the shooting was aimed harmlessly into the air rather than across the frontlines. Most residents stayed indoors at private parties. Loud music echoed through deserted streets with taxis ferrying people from one

celebration to another. Nato's peacekeeping force, monitoring the recently signed peace agreement, was not pleased by the traditional outpouring of Balkan exuberance. A spokesman said that people could be harmed and said he regretted that appeals for restraint had been ignored. Elsewhere around the world new year celebrations were marred by violence, including deaths by stray bullets and fireworks, and hundreds of

more injured as Filipinos defied a ban on the use of powerful firecrackers and guns to welcome the new year. Police and health officials said that stray hullets killed six people, two died after being hit by firecrackers, and two were a flat alight.

stabbed in drinking sprees. In Manila, nearly 500 people were taken to 41 hospiaccidents. In the Philippines at least 11 wounds, burns and blast inju-people were killed and 700 ries. Four people were killed

by fireworks and fires in Germany, police said. In the town of Bad Frankenhausen, about 120 miles southwest of Berlin, three people died, in-cluding a child of 18 months, when a firework fragment set

Berlin greeted 1996 with a massive firework display at the Brandenburg Gate. Police and firemen spent the rest of the night breaking up brawls and putting out fires. Three year with rockets and gunfire. Police in Naples said Nunzia Martino, a toddler, died after she swallowed powder from sweet-sized fireworks left

unattended. Two people were killed in incidents involving firecrackers while celebrating the new year in The Netherlands. Dutch police said the fire-

crackers were illegal imports. A 21-year-old student died when he slipped from the roof a firecracker.

Beach, police said. In New York a record of a house in Amsterdam where he had climbed to light crowd of more than 500,000 Two revellers froze to death cheered the arrival of 1996 in in Moscow early on New Year's Day when they col-

Times Square and millions flocked to strings and temples lapsed in icy streets after heavy drinking sessions. in Japan to pray for no repetition of the terrors of 1995 - the Kobe earthquake and Twelve people were arrested Tokyo attack. after police were pelted with broken bottles and rocks as underground gas

South Africa laughs at itself

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

Buthelezi,

MILLIONS of people across South Africa are being drawn together through laughter, thanks to a new sitcom that pokes fun at the absurdity of . In less than two-months,-Suburban Bliss has rocketed to the top of the television ratings, stirring passions in bars and on talk shows. The first cross-racial sitcom bravely runs the gamut of racial

stereotypes from musical

tastes to crime and domestic

servants - and after only a

per cent stake in the business. The hardest-hitting lines are reserved for Hempies Dwyer and his foil Ma Moloi, the unflappable African grand-mother, who trade racial insuits over the garden fence. "You bloody racist baboon," she spits when Afrikanerdom's answer to Alf Garnett calls her a "Pondo [tribal

namel pygmy". Gray Holmeyr, 46, the creator and executive producer, says: "It is a kind of release mechanism to be able to laugh

new year's episode, Hempies erects 40 yards of razor wire effects 40 yards of rann whe along the garden fence and sits in his yard, rifle across his lap, peering through binocu-lars for intruders from the Moloi's boisterous party. Morshahi Tyelele, 27. Thundo's real-life alter ego,

chuckles when she reflects how the humour gets so close to the bone: she had dreamt of having a white maid during her upbringing in Soweta. "The danger of this country is racial labelling - blacks are

Nigeria frees aide to Abiola

Lagos: Nigeria's military au-thorines have freed another senior aide to Chief Moshood Abiola, the detained presidential claimant, according to called thieves and criminals, local newspapers. They said whites are racists and so on. Ademola Adeniji-Adele, held

DETAILS are emerging about Disposal experts, who train a secretive American governby huilding and dismantling ment agency that maintains 1,000 specialists on 24-hour their own homemade nuclear bombs, can deactivate any stand-by to respond to the devices by surrounding them

threat of nuclear terrorism. The Nuclear Emergency Search Team - Nest - keeps its own aircraft at bases outside Las Vegas and Washing-ton DC, and can put a rapidresponse unit anywhere in the

American nuclear 'swat' team emerges from the shadows FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

> that the staff of Nest - most of whom are civilian volunteers from the nuclear power industry - were America's "unsung heroes".

party-goers brought in the

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Discussing the threat of a nuclear terrorist attack, Ms Gordon-Hagerty said: "I think more in terms of when, not if." With more radioactive ma-

Now headed by a glamor-ous blonde named Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, Nest was terial finding its way onto the created inside the US Energy open market since the collapse



Some of the 3,000 Chinese who climbed part of the Great Wall near Peking on New Year's Day in a campaign to promote sport and health

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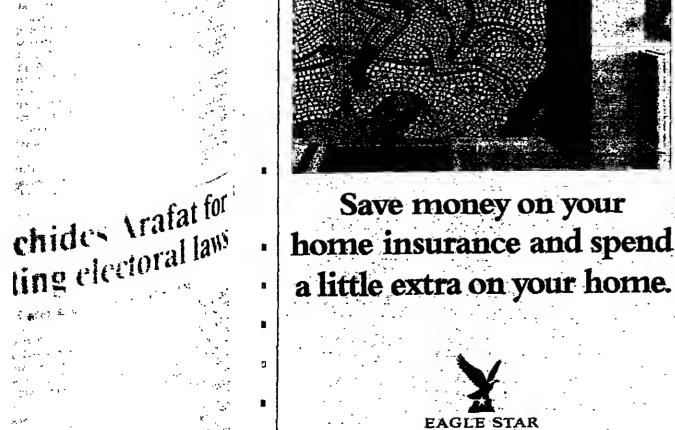
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at ourselves. People have nev-er heard this kind of thing on Seputia Sebogdi as Ike, South African television bethe yuppie from Soweto fore. After all these years, they are pleased to find it all so funny."

In one episode, the two wives simultaneously decide to employ maids: Kobie goes out of her way to impress upon her new employee that she is not racist while Ike's materialistic wife, Thando, delights in being called "madam". In the

The question is how do you break the walls down? I think humour can remove some of the bricks."

Alicia Luvuno, 19, a university student and self-confessed Bliss addict, says the show "exposes the way we relate to each other. It makes people talk because they can relate to it. We must get prejudice out of our system."

Dole takes

the lead

in race

for money

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

NOT one primary vote has yet

been cast, but Robert Dole's grip on the Republican presi-deotial nomination is reflect-

ed both in the opinion polls and in his seemingly effortless ability to raise money.

New figures show that the

without trial for 17 months in the northern city of Kaduna, was freed last Saturday and was expected to return to his Lagos home tomorrow.

He is the third aide of Chief Abiola, the undeclared winner of the annulled 1993 presidential election, to be freed since pressure on the Government to release political detainces was stepped up last November Promise" after nine minority rights activists were hanged. Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer, who was one of the nine, was

vesterday named man of the

year by the independent Nige-

rian press. "Ken Saro-Wiwa single-handedly shook this na-

Guardian said. "For this alone, 1995 belongs to him." (Reuter)

Indonesia hit

by earthquake Jakarta: An earthquake mea-

suring 7.0 on the Richter scale

shook Indonesia's Sulawesi island, destroying wooden houses and triggering tidal waves and aftershocks.

Officials said that the extent

country within four hours. The plainclothes "swat" teams track down nuclear devices with radiation sensors inside hriefcases, and are controlled from a command post inside an ordinary mini-van. The Nest agents are linked to the White House. Pentagon, CIA. FBI and State Depart-

on alert 110 times and actually mobilised 30 times, although all the incidents turned out to be hoaxes. ment over a communications In her first press interview, Ms Gordon-Hagerty recently network known as "Poison told The Washington Times

Department in 1975 after terrorists threatened to set off a nuclear device in Boston if they did not receive a \$200,000 (£130.000) ransom. The agency has been placed

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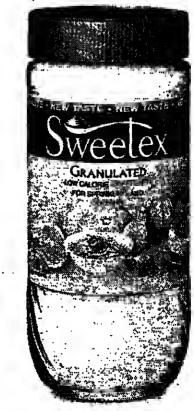
foam" and then defusing

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of the Soviet Union, Congress is now considering a sizeable increase in Nest's annual budget of about \$40 million.

If it all sounds like the stuff of Hollywood, it may well soon be so. The Hollywood Reporter said last month that a screenplay entitled First Strike, about a Nest agent called out of retirement to locate a stolen nuclear missile, had sold for \$200,000.





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of damage along a remote isthmus in central Sulawesi, was unlikely to be known until Senate majority leader raised \$5.7 million (E3.65 million), more than double the amount today because of poor comcollected by bis rivals, in the munications. There were no final quarter of 1995. Phil immediate reports of loss of Gramm, the Texas senator life but at least 21 homes were damaged. (Reuter) who has described ready money as "the most reliable friend you can have in Ameri-**Firing squads** can polities", raised \$1.9 mil-lion. Lamar Alexander, the kept busy former Tennessee Governor, Peking: Firing squads drawn from the People's Armed Police were busy in the final received \$15 million. Indeed, the two men considered likely to be Mr Dole's main challengers, raised even

weeks of 1995 and the situation less than Pat Buchanan, the is unlikely to change (James conservative commentator Pringle writes). About a third who collected \$2.3 million. of all criminal offences are punishable by death. Observ-ers believe that between 1,400 No figures have been re-leased for Steve Forbes, the and 1,500 people a year are executed, and China carries publishing tycoon, since he is financing his own campaign. out about 60 per cent of the He is thought to have spent world's legal executions.

more than \$7 million in the past three months and has jumped into second place in the polls as a result of saturation advertising.

Mr Dole's overflowing warchest gives him a huge advantage in a primary season that is compressed into a mere six weeks by California's unusually early contest. From the moment Iowa holds its caucus and New Hampshire conducts its primary next month. candidates will have no time left for fundraising.



Nairobi: President Moi of Kenya banned a family plan-ning book published by the Girl Guides Association of America as immoral and promoting promiscuity because it talks about sex, the Daily Nation reported. He issued a warning about the dangers of over-population. (Reuter)



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Looking for Mr Badguy

yain the pendulum has swung 100 far. Morgan Freeman, Hollywood's premier Afro-American character actor, cannot get the parts he wants. And all for what used to be the right reasons.

"I don't get offered anything but good guys, otherwise it wouldn't be politically correct," the 58-year-old actor says wearily, "But villains are much more fun to play. There are directors who want to cast me as the bad guy, but then the producer will say, 'No, no, no, you can't do that, it's Morgan Freeman.' So, yeah, I'm typecast."

The irony is that Freeman. after 28 years in the business. broke into the mainstream with his portrayal of a vicious pimp in Street Smart. His performance not only triggered a salvo of awards and an Oscar nomination, but also prompted Pauline Kael, the doyenne of American film critics. to ask: "Is Morgan Freeman the greatest American actor?" She then went on to answer herself in the

affirmative. In the bad old days black actors were typecast as pimps and drug dealers. Now they are cops. But Freeman had played policemen only twice, both of them small parts, in a total of 26 films. That is one of the reasons why he jumped at the chance to star alongside Brad Pitt in Seven, which opens in Britain on Friday.

A harrowing contemporary thriller, Seven chronicles the exploits of a serial killer who engineers the demise of his victims to suit their sins. But if their sins are deadly, their deaths are horrific, even though the murders themselves are committed offscreen

The film has been a surprise commercial success in America, grossing \$87 million in 12 weeks and far outstripping the



everyone else - that I would get the Oscar for Driving Miss Daisy," he says. "But it didn't happen, and my feeling afterwards was that I wasn't supposed to get it - it didn't belong to me. I've got every other award there is except for the Tony, and I was nominated for that."

The review of Seven in Variety, the trade paper. would suggest that Freeman could be in line for another Oscar nomination: "That Freeman is a superb actor is no secret, but here he also displays big-nime movie star presence in the manner of such greats as Spencer Tracy and

6 Acting is not creative at all. Writing is, but I create nothing 🤊

Gary Cooper, shown in the way he uses pauses, looks and quiet underplaying This is screen acting at its best." The film's distributor is already placing advertisements in the trade papers to plug its star for an Oscar, but the actor thinks the whole

thing is baloney. "The idea of 'best' has absolutely no basis in reality." he says. "It may be a slap on the back from your peers, but if you're going to give a slap on the back, just give it. Other-wise it's so arbitrary - like throwing a dart at a list. You have nothing on which to base best', particularly in acting."

As it turns out, Freeman's views on his craft are equally dismissive. "People like to think of acting as a creative process," he says, "but it's not creative at all. Writing is

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autumn competition. Furthermore. American critics have praised it generously, invariably singling out Freeman's performance as William Somerset, a battle-scarred cop determined to catch his man weaknesses, by any aberration

before reorement. "Primarily, I was attracted of what is set up as a normal to the film by the chance to play this kind of role." Freecondition of humanity. But I don't think there is a normal. man says. "Somebody who is We force ourselves into the cerebral. driven and problemsame shoe, but some of us solving. And I was intrigued have bunions, corns and blisby the subject. I don't know ters. In fact. the normal is what the appeal is, but it's what is abnormal." there. Any person who finds the need to kill somebody, to Street Smart in 1987, Freeman have that power over someone was inundated with offers to play more pimps. Instead, he else ... it is fascinating. What took on the role of Michael Keaton's rehab counsellor in kind of people are they? If they're living next door to us. Clean and Sober, drawing on can we recognise them?

Morgan Freeman, whose latest film, the American hit Seven, opens in Britain on Friday to such films as Glory, Robin

"We're all fascinated by our his own experience as an exherses, by any aberration alcoholic. His liaison with the Hood: Prince of Thieves, Un-forgiven and The Shawshank bottle had been intense, but he kicked the habit with his Redemption. customary conviction.

He is, however, best remembered as the kindly, ageing chauffeur Hoke Colburn in "I remember waking up once in my doorway, where I had fallen," he says. "I lay Driving Miss Daisy, a part he there thinking. 'You're lying face down. drunk. This will originated off-Broadway and for which he won his third never do.' So I quit drinking." Obie (the equivalent of a fringe Academy Award). He was tipped for the Oscar itself but After Clean and Sober he took on a wide range of roles, was pipped to the podium by Daniel Day-Lewis in My Left landing the lead as a megaphone-wielding high school principal in Lean on Me. then Foot. leading dignity and distinction

creative. I create nothing. Nothing. I'm not creating a flesh and blood character, I'm flesh and blood - the work has already been done in the script."

Notwithstanding all this, he does "have a high regard for acting, but I just don't think of n as brain surgery. The hardest part of acting is getting it done. And after that there isn't a hard part. If it's hard, I don't want to do it." He gives a withering stare, to force the truth home: "I don't like doing anything hard."

Vanity Fair magazine has called Freeman "the most underrated actor in America". But nobody undervalues him "I believed - along with more than himself.

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THE new year was one day old when the FA Carling Premiership staged a match which, in terms of intensity and excitement, if not technical excellence, may not be bettered in 1996. A packed, vibrant Anfield witnessed great goals, great goal-keeping, embarrassing blunders and a marvellous comeback by their heroes. Liverpool converting a 2-0 deficit into a 4-2 victory with a combination of sustained attacking brilliance and considerable good fortune.

Did Anfield also witness the champions in waiting? Possibly so, probably oot, although Kevin Keegan, the manager of the Premiership leaders, will

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be aware that the red-shirted pursuers of Newcastle United are not housed exclusively at champions 11 times and runners-up seven times in the past quarter of a century, are poised seven points behind third, and forcing an own goal near the death for their fourth. and just waiting to pounce on any faitering above them. times, shockingly naive, but There was, though, only one Collymore was, in a word, story. Stan Collymore would unstoppable. He left the not have won a popularity contest among his Nottingground in smiling silence, his power and pace having al-ready provided the most eloham Forest colleagues even before his messy, mega-money move from the City quent testimony to his talents. that way. "We know Stan's a Ground to Liverpool in the good player, there has never summer. His subsequent attempts to extract a slice of the been any doubt about that, but if you give him that sort of £8.5 million fee have hardly room, he will burt you," the Forest manager said. "From unproved his stock, either. So his contribution to Forest's 2-0 up, we just seemed to take downfall yesterday was as a step back, and from the time predictable as it was preco-Liverpool scored their first cious, Collymore creating the two goals with which Robbie goal until half-time, we were an absolute shambles. You Fowler dragged Liverpool lev-



to think about their personal maximums for

several months, several play-

ers appear to have regressed

lost their last three league fixtures, shipping seven goals and scoring none in the process. Notis County, whom

they visit for an FA Cup-tie on

Saturday, must be optimistic. Bryan Robson, their man-

ager, must trust that Barmby,

who possesses an inestimable

capacity for bringing out the

best in those around him, is

soon restored from the treatment table. Moreno,

last night's stand-in. is

nowhere near Premiership

brough's benefit, was eclipsed

by some superior technique,

most frequently exhibited by

Draper, Yorke and Johnson Johnson it was who put Villa two up five minutes before

half-time with a contender for

goal of the month, controlling

Townsend's centre with his chest before seamlessly swivelling and shooting

low into the bottom righthand corner from just inside

preamble to the goal, Little's side making 16 passes as they

wended their way forward. Previously branded a devotee of the long-ball at Leicester

City, Little Is now proving a purveyor of some of En-

gland's purest football.

Equally satisfying

Without Barmby, Juninho, playing much too deep for his or Middles-

calibre.

the area.

Middlesbrough have now

over Christmas.

Middlesbrough Aston Villa

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

AT A time of year when most people at least try to look to the future with hope in their hearts, Bryan Robson must wish he could turn Middles-brough's clock back. Ever since the autumn leaves began falling in carnest, his side have played with a pronounced limp and last night, al a relatively balmy, if rather misty. Riverside Stadium, they were stumbling again. Indeed, Middlesbrough can count themselves fortunate not to have conceded several more goals against a slick-Villa managed by Brian Little, once their reserve

team coach. These days, Little's influ-ence is improving some of his

nauspicious start Results and tables 22 Double act 23

player's international pros-pects. Alan Wright is being talked about as England's prospective left back for the European championship this year, but, first, Villa's diminutive left back must displace the incumbent, Stuart Pearce. He duly set about proving that he can match Notting-ham Forest's captain in the power of his shooting.

Twenty-one minutes had elapsed when, at the conclusion of a Villa counter-attack. Charles crossed and Wright volleyed beyond Walsh from the edge of the penalty area. An exquisite strike that, ironi-

There was nothing pure about Pollock's appalling two-footed second-half tackle on Milosevic. How the referee failed at least to book him was a mystery. Shortly after that, Moore, a left winger, replaced Fleming, a liability at left

back. How Robson must long

for a player like Wright to fill

that position, or, even better,

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can't give Liverpool goals like el by half-time, scoring the

that, they will kill you." As Forest, who had failed to score on 15 of their previous 17 Forest's defending was, at visits to Anfield, raced into a 2-0 lead inside 20 mesmeric minutes, the odds on them finishing heavily beaten were astronomic. They had not managed one goal in any of their preceding ten matches Not that Frank Clark saw it here, so when Woan, at the near post, tapped in McGregor's cross after Forest had ripped Liverpool apart down the right, five minutes after Stone had added to his burgeoning reputation with a splendid strike from 20 yards, they could have been excused for thinking that the job had been done. That was the problem. Woan fluffed a sim-

ple header to make it 3-0, and Liverpool never looked back.

Perhaps for no better reason than that they had played so badly in the opening stages, Liverpool's passing began to click, and now it was Forest who had their backs to the wall, Relentlessly, Collymore and McManaman were released to stride towards Crossley's goal and, on the half-hour, Collymore's perceptive left-wing cross was headed home cleverly at the near post by Fowler.

Liverpool's young pretender had not finished yet. He volleyed a good chance straight at Crossley, who then denied him with the first of three fingertip saves. But nine minutes after his first goal.

Fowler had his twentieth of the season and his seventh in four games, from the same source. Collymore's cross, this time deflected, being met with a firmer nod of the head. Collymore was now on fire.

He volleyed inches wide from 30 yards and when, in the 62nd minute, Crossley and Chettle made a pig's car of Barnes's hopeful cross, Collymore was there to guide the ball into the empty net behind which Forest supporters, who had goaded aod taunted him throughout, were left dumbstruck. For a horrible moment, it seemed as though Collymore would provoke them by celebrating at arm's length, but he wisely refrained from over-indulging.

cally, arrived only seconds after Pollock's apparently goalbound shot at the other Cooper's 87th-minute own goal, when he sliced end had been deficeted for a Collymore's cross in at the near post, was symptomatic of comer. the paranoia that Forest now

ed Middlesbrough chance that preceded the latest recent concentration lapse in an increasingly self-destructive Middlesbrough defence fast shedding its mean, streetwise reputation. After playing to

ists. "Stan has been called a loner, not a team player, but, in the last three or four games, he has proved the opposite." And who said that being in a minority of one is no fun? Interprotify of one is no fun? LIVERPOOL (3-2-3-2): D. James. — J. Scales, S. Hartanass, P. Babb. — J. McAteer, R. Jones. — M. Thomas, J. Barnes, S. McMaraman. — R. Fowler, S. Colymore NOTTINGHAM. FOREST. (4-5-1): M. Crossley. — D.Lyttle, C. Cooper, S. Chettle, S. Pearoa. — S. Stone, A. I. Heatand, C. Barr-Williams, I. Woan, P. McGregar (sub: B. Roy, 73mn). — K. Campbell Referee: P. Alcock.

felt whenever Collymore had

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performance," Roy Evans, the

Liverpool manager. said to the

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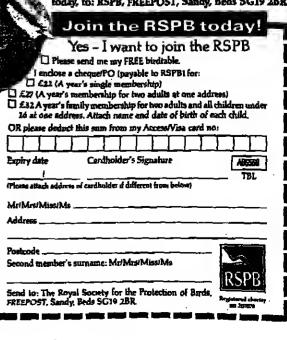
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Malcolm and Fraser recalled by England

CAPE TOWN TEAMS

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

THE shadow-boxing is over. England, having failed to master South Africa by stealth and patience, will attempt to snatch the series at the last through a more forthright method. When the final Test begins here today, with the score at 0-0, they will play five specialist bowlers, at least two of whom were privately resigned to their tour being over. Angus Fraser and Devon Malcolm are being released to fly home next.

weekend, two of five players deemed surplus to requirements for the oneday series, but they have an unexpected opportunity to redeem a disappointing winter today as England finally summon the courage to follow the instincts of their management.

Four quick bowlers and one spinner is the intended attack and the slow bowler is not likely to be Richard Illingworth but Mike Watkinson. Illingworth is suffering from a strained left side and hardly bowled at practice yesterday, so Watkinson is preparing to complete a full house of 17 England players used 3 in the series.

The change of emphasis will promote Jack Russell to No 6 in the batting order, with Robin Smith the latest volunteer to grasp the hot potato at No 3. In this series alone, Mark Ramprakash, John Crawley (deprived by injury before he had even hatted), Graham Thorpe and Jason Gallian have all gone in firstwicket down.

Gallian's adhesive 28 in Port. Elizabeth on Saturday was the highest score from the position but it has

proved insufficient to retain his place. Having arrived here less than a fortnight ago, Gallian will also return home after the match, along with the injured Crawley and Mark llott.

This has been an unsatisfactory series but if it must be decided in one game, there could be no finer setting than Newlands and no better atmosphere than that promised by daily capacity crowds containing, at a rough count, as many visiting supporters as descended on Barbados two winters ago and turned it into a triumphant little England. Dozens of tour packages guarantee

that almost a quarter of the 23,000 spectators expected each day will be England followers, mostly identified

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by pink faces, straw hats and the presence as courier of at least one former player. There are probably enough present to put out two additional England sides but it is certain that none ever played for the purse that is on offer today.

South Africa are playing for a bonus of almost £100,000, while if England win the match, and thereby



Malcolm looks forward to resuming his Test career during practice at Newlands yesterday

the series, they will earn £80,000, to justify it. In this situation, we have nost of it through an incensive loback our bassmen." Inevitably, the dependence on Michael Atherton anchoring the innings will be greater than ever. South Africa freely acknowledge the view that the early dismissal of

Atherton is the key to victory. The facts that Smith is in dangerous territory and Thorpe has managed only 105 runs in the series do not inspire confidence but Atherton, having lost three out of four tosses, must this time call correctly to give England the chance to dictate the

game with a substantial first innings. Neither Malcolm nor Fraser has bowled in a first-class game since the second Test, a month ago, but the only alternative was Darren Gough. who has had a similar absence and an injury to overcome. The clue to Malcolm's return is the five-man attack. "It is very hard to play him as one of four," Illingworth said, keenly aware that while Malcolm on song can be disruptive, Malcolm off key can be an embarrassment.

The pitch, relaid only last May and still unused at first-class level, already boasts ribbons of cracks, doubtless of interest to Paul Adams and of concern to Atherton. The England captain has unhappy memories of the last Test pitch prepared by the Newlands groundsman, Andy Atkinson, in his previous job at Edgbaston. It was Atherton's first match as captain and all England required was a pitch that did not support Shane Warne. Atkinson's surface turned generously from the first day.

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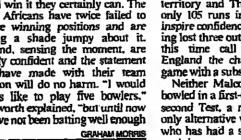
the pennies, grinned cheerfully and confirmed: "There is a lot at stake. We won't be going out there thinking of not losing. We want to win it." And win it they certainly can. The South Africans have twice failed to enforce winning positions and are looking a shade jumpy about it. England, sensing the moment, are notably confident and the statement they have made with their team selection will do no harm. "I would always like to play five bowlers."

Illingworth explained, "but until now we have not been batting well enough

payment offered by Tetley Bitter. The

manager, Raymond Illingworth,

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SPORT 20

Edwards inspires victory to make Leeds's pursuit an impossible dream

Dominant Wigan carry off trophy in all but name

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Warrington Wigan

BY CHRISTOPHER TRVINE

IT IS only right that a championship trophy that Wigan have now won on 17 occasions since it was first awarded to Broughton Rangers in 1902 should reside permanently at Central Park, a potent symbol of the sport's most successful club in a worthy and predictable conclusion in a first

century of rugby league. Eight of those championships have been achieved in a decade of overpowering superiority and professionalism that is embodied by the slight but mercurial figure of Shaun Edwards. The scrum half and captain is the common thread running through the side since the 1980-87 title-winning season broke a 16-year barren spell

With ten minutes remaining of a game at Wilderspool vesterday that Wigan had comfortably wrapped up, along with an unofficial sev-

Schofield forces delay to title party plans

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HOURS after Wigan put the destiny of the Stones Champ-Leeds account with a try. indeed, the scrum half was ionship beyond reasonable doubt, Leeds made sure of a the architect of a nervous victory, as Scott Gibbs added delay in the official presenta-tion by breaking an eight-year to an earlier touchdown hy Karl Hamniond, Mick Shaw losing sequence at St Helens had kept the home side at bay in a 20-14 victory vesterday when he followed Craig innes and Carl Hall over in the (Christupher Irvine writes). second half.

Wigan would have to take a spectacular nosedive to throw away the title but the spirit Bulls 22-18 in their re-arshown at Knowsley Road has ranged match at Huddersencouraged Leeds that they field and Sheffield Eagles can see out the end of the stretched their winning League run in a 42-12 success at Castleford. truncated season unbeaten. Garry Schofield opened the

enth successive Stones 1983 by Wigan, at midnight on Championship - Leeds's inhis seventeenth birthday. Now terest is merely notional at this 29. there is still no more stage - Edwards waved away skilled shrewd or calls to take him off. Not un a urchestrator. For all that Mike Ford, an day he was appointed OBE. In

old adversary and former team-mate, battled manfully a typical riposte to pinpoint kicks, he levered open a hap-less Warrington defence fnr for Warrington in a muddy Va'aiga Tuigamala to plunder and occasionally bluody conhis second and third tries. frontation, Edwards was exquisite in the second half, even Wigan have been a team beyond compare throughout the 1990s and Edwards the poaching a try and squeezing over a dropped goal.

Receipt by Edwards of an unprecedented eighth champinspiration at the heart of each success. A sharpness of mind ionship-winner's medal, Wigand limb marked him out at an's £75,000 cheque and an early age, and explained custody of the trophy will come later. While Leeds can the cloak-and-dagger procedure behind his signing in boast a minute chance, the adornment of cherry-andwhile ribbons must stay in

their wrapping. However, in a game ruled by the cold doses of reality administered by Wigan. the mathematics of Leeds making up a deficit of 295 points on the leaders in two matches, including a final-day visit to Central Park on January 21, is as near an impossibility as it could be.

To all intents and purposes. the race, such as it was, petered out weeks ago. The transitional centenary season has been a misguided and woefully congested affair. But, as Graeme West, the Wigan coach, pointed out, it remained to be won. There was no shirking in Wigan's approach.

In ringing in the new year with the old, old story, Wig-an's celebrations will be necessarily brief. The start of rugby league's challenging second century finds 1946 as the year of fresh horizons, new peaks to

be scaled in the move to spring and summer, coupled with the infinitely greater task of measuring up against the best that Australia can offer from its own Super League. Predict-



The Warrington defence is stretched to the limit as Terry O'Connor tries to burst through

ability, for all Wigan's great-ness, makes for a tired script. On the domestic front, there are genuinely exciting developments at Warrington, Bradford and St Helens, which bode well. The threat to Wigan's dominance is still some way off, but seems to be gathering strength.

Wigan, too, are longing to stretch their legs on firmer pitches. Yet. on a soft-crusted top at Wilderspool yesterday, they were still indomitable. Having kept pace until just before half-time, with Fnrd's

vision and Sculthorpe's trickboot and Tuigamala's irreery supplying Forster with a score m reply to Haughton's opening try for the visitors. Warrington lost the plot completely once Tuigamala crashed past Barrow from a

well-drilled scrum move. Warrington. with thoughts drifting to their Regal Trophy semi-final at St Helens on Thursday, raised the white flag as Smyth, Robinson and Edwards raced clear for touchdowns in the space of eight minutes. Barrow replied with one before Edwards's

pressible finishing for his first hat-trick completed another stylish victory.

SCORERS: Warrington: Tries: Forster, Barrow Goala: Knoti, Ford, Wigan: Tries: Tugamala (3). Haupinon, Robinson, Smyth, Edwards, Goalis: Paul (5), Hall Dropped goal; Edwards WARRINGTON: I. Penny (sub Knoti, 65mm; M. Forster, M. Thompson, Sfinau, C. Eckersley, C. Rudd, M. Ford, M. Hilton (sub O. Yang, 51). J. Thursfield, G. Chambars, P. Barrow, J. Knott (sub C. Hoklen, 57). P. Scutthorps (sub A. Bannet), 33). WIGAN: G. Connolity, J. Robinson, V. Scutthorps (sub A Bannell, 33) WIGANE & Connolly, J Robinson, V Tugamala, N Backinski, R Smyth, H Paul (sub K Skenet, 26, ob M Dermoti, 73), M Hall, T O'Connor, S Clannell, M Cassidy (sub A Schneon, 54), S Haughton Referee; S Presley

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Taylor retains title in close-fought final

PHIL TAYLOR beat Dennis Priestley 6-4 to retain the Vernon Pools world championship at Purfleet. Essex, yesterday, in a match that lasted 2hr t3min. Priestley had is maximum 180s against Taylor's ten and also had a better average — of 33.82 points per dart to 32.84. He also had 34 180s during his five matches in the tournament, a new record.

Nevertheless, despite these statistics. Taylor made the vital thrust when he won the fifth set against the darts to go 3-2 up and lead for the first time in the match. It was the only set won against the darts and proved decisive.

won against the darts and proved decisive. Green. Surrey.

Vatanen stretches lead

MOTOR RALLYING: Ari Vatanen, of Finland, consolidat ed his lead after the third stage of the Granada-Dakar rally yesterday. He won the 328km timed section between Oujda and Er Rachidia, Morocco. in his Citroen in 3hr 20min 24sec, almost five minutes clear of Pierre Lartigue, also in a Citroën. That stretched Vatanen's overall lead to 5min 27sec over the second-placed Frenchman.

Humble beginnings

TENNIS: Magnus Larsson, of Sweden, the No 5 seed, gave Sultan Khalfan, t8, a local college student, a lesson in big-time tennis yesterday, overwhelming him 6-0. 6-t in the first round of the Qatar Open in Doha. Khalfan was awarded a place in the first round after the withdrawal, through injury, of Leander Paes, of India, to become the first man from Qatar to play in an ATP tournament.

Way open for Windows

RACKETS: Matthew Windows, right, the former Foster Cup winner. resumes hisrivalry with Alex Smith-Bingham. the Etonian. in the Peel Hunt British under-24 championship, which starts today, Windows, the Gloucestershire cricketer, is seeded to meet Smith-Bingham in the final, although he could face tough opposi-tion from Jonathan Larken and Richard Carter.

Laitinen in the wars

SKI JUMPING: Mika Laidnen, the leading Finnish ski jumper, was in a satisfactory condition yesterday after breaking his left collarbone and seven ribs in a spill in practice at Garmisch-Partenkirchen on Sunday. Laitinen, who leads the World Cup standings after winning five of nine events, was taken to hospital after a bad landing in a practice jump.



England look to McKinney | Croats too strong for France

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MUCH will be expected of Ian McKinney in Copenhagen over the next two nights when the 23-year-old playmaker from Sheffield Sharks makes his debut for England [Nicholas Harling writes). McKinney, a late selection.

has the chance of establishing himself in Laszlo Nemeth's squad for the forthcoming European championship ties if he can do for his country what he does so well for his club, the Budweiser League champions. "What we need at international level is a consistent three-point shooter."

Nemeth said. "Others have been tried but have failed. lan could be the answer." Nemeth is not too concerned that the Danes might reinforce their team in one of the games with two Americans, thus rendering it an unofficial internariunal. "I don't object as. the stronger the opposition,

the bener it is for us," the England coach said. Beaten 88-70 by England in the European qualifying tournament at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham last May. Denmark should provide satisfac-

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CROATIA. the favourites, tory opponents this time for made short work nf beating England, who will also meet Hungary twice next month before the daunting European championship visit to Moscow on February 28. Some clubs have been upset by the niming of this week's games, however, bearing in mind a full Budweiser League programme next weekend.

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France in the Hopman Cup tennis tournament in Perth. yesterday. Iva Australia Majoli and Goran Ivanisevic completed straight-sets victories over Catherine Tanvier and Arnaud Boetsch respecrively to seal a 2-0 win for their country in the group A roundrobin match. lvanisevic took just 72 min-

ules to clinch his 7-5, 6-4 victory over Boetsch after Majoli had cruised to a comfortable 6-1, 6-2 win, but tvanisevie's victory came in uncharacteristic style with Reneberg bounced back in none of his usual big services style to beat Wayne Ferreira. the world No 9, 6-2, 6-2 to or aces.

Majoli, playing in the cup for the first time. did not have bring the match level at 1-1 after his partner. Chanda to exert herself against Rubin, had lost 6-2, 6-4 to Tanvier. The Frenchwoman. Amanda Coetzer in her singles still recovering frum surgery match. In the deciding mixed douon her right knee. hobbled around the court gingerly bles clash, Reneberg and throughout the 64-minute Rubin kept their cool to over-

come Ferreira and Coetzer 7-5, match and never looked in contention. 6-3. Earlier, the United States. seeded fifth, had produced the first upset of the tournament, beating the highly-fancied

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For the first time in eight years, the Hopman Cup has changed format. The early round-robin stages replace a South Africans 2-1. Richev former knockout structure.

shire, was the first winner of the new year vesterday when he recorded the fastest time in the CC Breckland ten-mile event. held on a course that had to be revised at short notice because of roadworks. He beat the former national champion, Martin Pyne, by six seconds with a time of 22min 26sec.

Relative success

REAL TENNIS: Peter and Tom Bromwich won the fathers and sons doubles championship at Learnington with an outstanding performance against Bernard and Paul Holland, dropping only one game against highly-rated opponents. Their overwhelming 6-1 victory puts them among the favourites for the national fathers and sons championship next week.

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Hick: England's most

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IF ENGLAND'S Test series

with South Africa is to be won

and not drawn at Newlands

this week, it is already clear

that it will be fast bowling that

decides the matter, as had

been widely anticipated from

With England likely to play

only five batsmen on what

may be the liveliest pitch of the

series - which is, admittedly,

not saying much - there will

be a special onus on all five of

them to succeed, particularly

the opening pair, who must

hold at bay Allan Donald and

Had Alec Stewart failed in

the second innings at Port Elizabeth last week, Michael

Atherton might have wanted

to do this job with someone

other than the man who has

partnered him for much of the

past two years, for Stewart was woefully in need of runs.

Instead, he spent over 512

hours at the crease to score a

match-saving 81 and give

another lease of life to his Test

Slough rue

escaping

the weather

IT WAS not a good weekend for the premier division of ice hockey's British League, with

only three of six scheduled

games completed (Norman de

Mesquita writes). On Saturday, Basingstoke Bison failed to get to Sheffield and Dur-

ham Wasps' game at Milton

Keynes was reduced in status

to a challenge fixture because

the Wasps had three players

away with the Great Britain

On Sunday, Humberside

Kings stood 3-3 at the end of the first period, only for the

ice-making machine to break

down and deposit a quantity

of hydraulic oil on the ice and

cause the game to be aban-

doned. In the only premier division fixture that did sur-

vive on Sunday, Basingstoke

gained their expected victory

at Slough Jets, running out 8-5

There was a full first divi-

sion programme with Black-

burn Hawks and Manchester

ble-figure scores to maintain

their hold on the top two

John Haig had five goals

and five assists in the Hawks'

18-1 demolition of Billingham Bombers, while Hilton

Ruggles was involved in six of

the Storm's goals in their 11-4

away win over Peterborough

Pirates. Telford Tigers, in

third place, lost ground, beaten by Guildford Flames.

Storm both running up dou-

winners.

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Hawks and Milton Keynes

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Stewart's time in the Eng-

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out twice on a flat pitch.

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DETAILS

as a batsman-wicketkeeper

altogether.

Promoting Hick may be key to ending stalemate

Atherton's.

pitch

The fifth and final Test was because, when either side match which starts here lost, it was considered a national disaster. One of the few loday should be being played on one of South Africa's results between them was to old matting pitches, those come later on a newly-laid which took spin and had plenty of bounce. We would pitch in Karachi, and it could be relevant that today's pitch is get a result then, and be a new one. The hope must be assured of some lively cricket. that it will give the bowlers the help they need to keep a game As it is, the prospect of the whole series ending in stalemoving. mate is obviously a real one. South Africa have half a

Test matches at Newlands are dozen or more lavishly aponly won, as a rule, by a tour pointed grounds, lacking only de force (eg. Johnny Wardle's 12 for 89 in 1956-57, bowliog the greatest need of all, a fast or interesting pitch. That is mostly googlies and chinalike having a handsome frame men) and, with their present but a weak pulse, and the attack, there is not a Testcondition is certainly not pecuplaying country in the world liar to this country. that England could expect. There are few grounds in

with any confidence, to bowl the world, unfortunately. where one could go today and India and Pakistan played be sure of finding a pitch to 13 successive Tests against produce an eventful match, each other between December especially one between two 1952 and November 1978 withsides as understandably anxout getting a result, but that ious not to lose as Hansie South Africans fear opener's return to form

Stewart bounces back

John Woodcock recalls when South African Tests played on mats produced lively cricket

opposition Australia. West In-In the ordinary way, I think, dies and South Africa), three groundsmen are inclined to lay too much stress on producing a pitch to last for five days. feeling perhaps that their reputations depend upon doing so, rather than something more "sporting". The recent Test match at Port Elizabeth would have been a better game had the pitch been a little less well-prepared. We have a groundsman here, innings after another. He baned, all 10ld, lor 67 though, who is very much his own man, and an overall

situation calling for what in hours 8 minutes in Test cricket during 1995 and faced 3.095 the trade is called a "result balls, a good third of which would have been aimed at his

Of England's 13 Test match-

were won, three lost and seven drawn, and that is not a record to be sniffed at, even if England were more often than not the side under pressure. The outstanding personal achievement of the year had to be Atherton's, not so much for his captaincy as for his courage and stamina, almost always under heavy fire. Alone, he held together one England

batsman. It may smack of

head, travelling at something despair to say so, but virtually over 75mph. These are aston-England's only chance of winisting figures, the like of ning is on a helpful pitch, and. if they find one of those, four which can never have been bowlers will be enough and remotely approached. The the extra batsman would be man's powers of concentration - in Sir Donald Bradman's useful. I would have Hick at three and Mark Ramprukash opinion the sine qua non of al six. At Port Elizabeth, Jason high scoring - are incredible. But if England are to win Gallian going in first wicket this last Test match, they are down, baned more like a crab likely to have to score faster than the strokemaker he once than Athenton does, and the was. best way of achieving this

and the second second

might be to have Graeme Hick at No 3. Hick is the most powerful batsman in the side at the moment. There are times when, in its hauteur, his play has a strong look of Ted Dexter's, especially when he is hooking and driving - and Dexter was a great player. I was sorry to hear yester-day that England were thinking of playing an extra bowler at the expense of a specialist

seek the shade of the trees.

the game to condemn West Unnil not long ago. Newlands was invariably Indies to a dramatic nnebracketed with the Adelaide wicket deleat in the World Oval as the loveliest of Test Series Cup match against grounds. Now it has been Australia in Sydney yesterday. concreted, but it has been The New South Wales baisspaciously and quite graciousman, who will be the Yorkdone, and the mountain is shire vice-captain next season. sn'll there. One's concern today hammered Roger Harper, the is for the thousands of English off spinner, for four olf the last hall of a day-night match supporters who have been reduced to 43 overs because of placed in a stand unprotected from the midday sun. condirain. He remained unbeaten tions in which even Africans on 78 - his highest limited-

overs international score - as Australia reached 173 for nine in replay to West Indies' 172 for nine. Unril Bevan's innings. Aus-

SPORT 21

Australia

saved by

Bevan's

last-ball

boundary

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MICHAEL BEVAN struck a

boundary off the final ball of

tralia looked set for a crushing defeat to wreck their 100 per cent record in the fourth match after crashing to 38 for six in the sixteenth over.

Bevan, who has yet to be dismissed in four World Series innings, struck six boundaries in his 59-ball innings and shared in a vital eighth-wicke partnership of 83 with Paul Reiffel, the fast bowler, to lead Australia out of trouble and to within sight of victory. Relfiel. who also captured four wickets for 29, contributed 34.

As the match reached an exciting climax. Glenn McGrath scampered a quick single to give Bevan the strike for the final two deliveries. He failed to score off the first of these balls before charging down the pitch to smash the last delivery to the boundary.

"It was a bit nerve-racking at the end." Bevan said. "We had needed a boundary for a while but the opportunity did not present itself until the last ball.

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, said: "We did not really deserve to win because we were dead and buried at 38 for six but, thanks to Michael. we got home."

West Indies were earlier rescued from 54 for five by an unbeaten innings of 93 in 99 balls from Carl Hooper.

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Total (9 whis) FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-21 5-26, 4-54 5-54, 6-135, 7-150, 8-154 5-168

BOWLING: McGran 9-2-22-1, Rentel 9-2-25-4, Law 6-0-34-0, Lee 6-5-20-5 Warns 9-2-30-3, Beson 4-0-31-0

AUSTRALIA

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FROM SIMON WILDE IN CAPE TOWN land side has rarely run scored a Test half-century in 14 smoothly. There have been innings. "I was not worried as all," he

concerns about whether his technique could cope with said, "I was still getting to 30 bowling; and 40 and there was no real whether he should open or reason why I was not going on from there. play in the middle order "I knew it would come. I

have been playing well in South Africa and got plenty of runs outside the Tests. When ENGLAND V SOUTH AFRICA AT CAPE ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA AT CAPE TOWN: Tests: 15. England won 9, South Ainca 2, drawn 4, Records (Englend linst; Highest lotals; 559-9dec (1939-39), 513-8dec (1930-31) Lowest totals; 92 (1898-99), 35 (1898-99), Highest individual innings; 187 J B Hobbs (1009-10), 154 A J Priney (1964-65). Best bowing; 8-11 J Priggs (1888-89), A E Hall 7-63 (1922-23) you have played 50 Test matches and are averaging around 40, you know you can survive at this level." What he did noi say was that the shot to which he got out in the first innings was not worthy of a player with such a background.

Stewart's footwork has long been the key to his batting. When it is functioning smoothly, as it did in Bridgewhether he should inherit the captaincy; and, since all these other matters were resolved, town in April 1994, when he whether he should be dropped took two centuries off West Throughout it all, Stewart Indies, he looks like Fred has remained equable, which Astaire: when it is not, he looks more like Fred Flintstone. Perhaps he would is not to say he does not have strong ideas about his own worth. He denies that he was be better off in the middle order with the likes of Thorpe, worried, before the match in Hick and Smith, because he Port Elizabeth, that he had not

fabulous temperament, very profes-

sional in everything he does. We just want a bit more needle from him, a

bit more aggression," Whittle said.

When winning an England under-21

cap at the age of 15, scoring four

against Australia in one match in

Pakistan in 1993, and having that

gold medal in the bank at an age

when most are choosing careers is

part of the reputation, living up to it

The faintly grudging air with which Garcia accepts the criticism

betrays its truth. The World Cup in

1994 was to have marked his grand

entrance into the land of the world

is not the easiest task.

R ussell Garcia has given up counting his international hockey caps. As a callow, star-struck youth, he used to write the details of each one down in a

notebook. But no longer. He has

neither the time nor a book big enough. "It must be about 185 now,"

he said on a brief visit back to old haunts in Portsmouth. "I've just lost

So much indeed. Garcia seems to

have been around forever. He

actually has 177 caps and is the only member of the 1988 gold medal-winning team still playing interna-

tionally. The Secul survivor was 17

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up to his reputation. He has a

The curious thing is that, the game in Johannesburg, he

He has taken the brunt of Donald, too. Until he fell to him in his first over with the second new ball on the final day in Port Elizabeth, Slewari had not been dismissed by Donald in the series, even though the South African has bowled like greased lightning. "I rate him as the fastest bowler in the world," he said. "and both Michael and myself reckoned his opening spell at the Wanderers to be as fast as any spell we had ever faced." Furthermore, Stewart's right index finger, smashed four times in the past 15 months, has stood up to several fierce

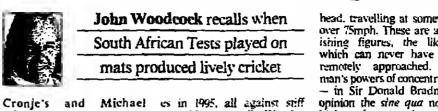
South Africans are fearful that Stewart's return to the

in the nick of time

has as many shots as all of them.

even though he has not been at his best for over a year. he has performed effectively here against the new ball. When England were fighting to save batted for two hours and 40 minutes and, with Atherton. gave them the sort of start they needed if they were to escape

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runs may, with Atherton's almost faultiess defence, spell trouble for them in Cape NO Puns HS Avea 100 50 Cl/s Town. It may well, although as an opening pair they have been surprisingly ineffective. The S4 they put on last week was their highest first-wicket

stand in 20 innings since they took the field in Bridgetown two years ago. In may ways, they are

uncomfortable bedfellows. Stewart's star has largely been in decline since Atherion heat him to the captaincy in August 1993 and, in every way, he now has to give second best to his opening partner. Yet, if he can help his

captain to secure victory for his country at Newlands, Stewart, being Stewart, will be content enough.

said.

Garcia's goal to improve on role of gold reserve

Andrew Longmore on

a Great Britain hockey

player with a pressing

Olympic score to settle

play badly, i just didn't do what l

know I can do and they know I can

do. I was very safe, no mistakes, but

The Olympic qualifying tourna-

ment, which starts against India on

January 19 and involves seven

I didn't make things happen." he



Stewart takes a breather during net practice before the decisive Test in Cape Town

for Garcia's final flowering. The

venue is the Polo Barcelona club, a

swish, exclusive club for wealthy Catalans, where Garcia plays and

coaches and where, by a strange

coincidence, he made his ioterna-

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario can occa-

sionally be found practising on one

of the club's 45 clay courts. Garcia

moved from Havani three years ago

so that he could devote his life to hockey and, if the only logic to the

change was that his surname has

distant Spanish origins, the move,

say those close to him, has done him

good personally and professionally.

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AUSTRALIA have recalled Dean Jones from the internauonal cricket wilderness by selecting him in a preliminary 18-man squad for the World

lones's return to the oneday scene might be brief as Mark Taylor's side prepares for the tournament in Sri Lanka. Pakistan and India. The Australia selectors will

announce a final squad of 14 players on January 22 and Jones, 34, must oust one of the established batsmen.

whereas before I was doing more of the listening." He admires the ways of Johan Cruyff down the road at the Nou Camp. "His teams are based on very simple things - good fitness, good first touch. t'd like to meet him." In the meantime, Garcia has work

to do in the Britain midfield in a tournament notorious for upsets. With five of the eight teams qualifying. Britain should progress and Garcia's belief that the learn is better balanced thao in Barcelona four years ago augurs well for the year ahead, "It looks easy enough, but it won'i be," he said.

denled to him at Havant, to give

did attract me for someone to say:

'Russell, here's a team, you try to

make it play the way you want.' At

Barcelona, I do the talking, I pick

the team. I had to communicate.

'i don't want to be the king, but it

some substance to his thoughts.

Then, all being well, it will be on to Atlanta and further reminders of Olympic glories past. Still the mod-esty persists. "I'd rather go to the lournament, sit on the bench and win gold than win player of the tournament and finish sixth. I'd love to walk away with another gold and for, this time, people to say: Hey. that's Russell Garcia.' But, sometimes, I have to remind myself (have already won a gold."

father died from pneumonia when he was barely one, leaving his into squad mother, Julie, a county-standard netball player, to bring up a boy whose talents were expressed largely on the hockey field. Jobs as a development officer in local schools and as a rep selling medical supports were, in Garcia's words, "just not mc". He wanted to play hockey Cup next month. all the time and have a chance,

In the World Series tourna-

ment against Sri Lanka and West Indies, Australia bave looked to Steve and Mark Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Stuart Law, and Michael Bevan to fill the order after Taylor and Michael Slater.

The players who miss final selection for the 14-man squad can be called up if a squad member is injured before the start of the World Cup.

Muttiah Muralitharan, the off spinner who was called for throwing in the recent Test match at Melbourne, has been included in Sri Lanka's preliminary 18-strong sound. liminary 18-strong squad. AUSTRALIA SOUAD. 14 A Taylor reption, M J Stater, M E Waogh, S R Waogh D M Jones M G Baran, S G Law R T Porting S Lee, G S Blancti, I A Heaty, P R Reitel C J McDermet, M S Kaspowicz, G D McGrah O W Reining, S K Wanio T B A Lay SRI LAMKA SOUAD: A Randunga tesptani P A De Sive, R S Maranama S T Jeyacutya A P Guiusintia, H Y Diberaine, R S Kalowitharang, H D Pt Disemanghe, M Muralitizang, H D Pt Disemanghe, M Muralitizane E A Upashenitia R S Kolpage. U C Hotharsinghe C J Dunusinghe, U D U Chandena, K R Pushpakumara M S Atapataj

then, 25 now, and yet, in Olympic year, there is still a long-running score to be settled. "In the run-up to Scoul, I was class, but he over-trained. "I didn't games in 11 days, is the ideal garden Garcia was an only child. His playing every minute of every game. In the tournament, I played the odd 20 minutes here and there. It was understandable. Everyone knew who the starting XI was. So I've got the gold medal, but I would have liked to walk away from the tournament knowing I was an important During the next month, when Great Britain have to endure the peculiar torture of Olympic qualification, Garcia's experience, his calm, unruffled presence in the engine-room, will be critical to a team brimful with talent but lacking the competitive edge. David Whittle, the team manager, who has known Garcia from his schoolboy days, said that he is still waiting for his man to produce his best in a big "He has balance, good stamina and his short-passing game is very good, but I think he would be the first to say that he hasn't really lived

Garcia at training in Portsmouth as the Olympic qualifying tournament looms. Photograph: Julian Herbert

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FOOTBALL 22

Present and past champions get new year off to inauspicious start

Bore draw leaves nobody satisfied

Blackburn Rovers0

Leeds United

By MICHAEL HENOERSON

IN THE morning. The Ra-detzky March. that rollicking signature tune of the Habs burg dynasty, rolled once again out of Vienna 10 usher in the new year. At Elland Road. the conjunction of two fading football empires. empty ceremony, produced a squawking, atonal mess.

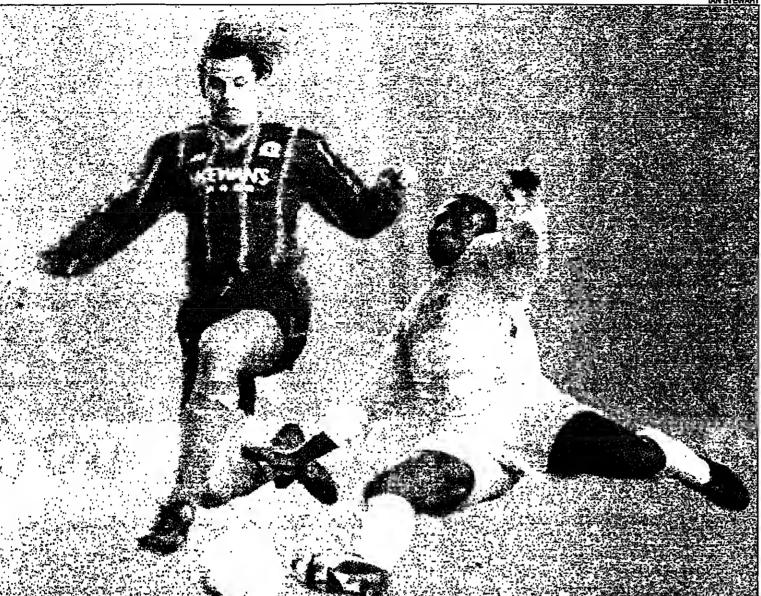
Truly, this was an appalling match. Neither the log that swirled over the stadium nor the number of games they have played during the Christmas programme could justify the lamentable standard of football from the champions and the team that won the title as recently as 1992. Elland Road is one of the host grounds for this year's European championship and there could hardly be a more ghastly way to welcome football into an important year for English football

The sight of Bohinen. the Norway international Blackburn bought earlier this season to bring craft to their midfield, smashing the ball 70 yards upfield in the final minute. summarised the shapeless nature of the game. In the second half, nothing worth mennioning happened at all. Nothing. Not a pass, not

a shot, not a sausage. There was the usual talk afterwards about closing the season down for a mid-winter hreak, as if that was practical Try telling that to actors who must go on stage eight times a week, nn matter how rundown they feel. If they made as many mistakes in a week as the players of Leeds and Blackburn did yesterday in an hour and a half, they might

never work again. "At times," Howard Wilkin-son, the Leeds manager, said. "the ball was passed around well." Well, either it was or it wasn't. If it was not passed around sufficiently well. or sufficiently often, it becomes less a matter of tiredness than of skill. Managers cannot have it both ways. The fact is, both Leeds and

Pennines. Blackburn have shot their Brolin, who is still adjusting bolts. Wilkinson's attempts to to the different character



Coleman, left, clears the danger for Blackburn with Yeboah stretching in vain as Leeds put the visitors under pressure at Elland Road

of English football, lasted an hour before Wilkinson chance when Jobson, shooting brought him off, out of pity, probably. The Swede won't have seen anything quite like this in Italy when he played for Parma, While he was active. Brolin wandered along the left side, behind Yeboah and Deane, to no special purpose. He can give the team a lot more than he has revealed so far, but he will not do it from there. engage in the game in any

Leeds made one decent

from the edge of the area. brought a save from Flowers. Deane, that ordinary centre forward, might have done better with his header when Kelly whipped in a cross from the right. To be really threatening, Leeds need McAllister to sing and yesterday he was thing more. tongue-tied For Blackburn, Bohinen had a shocker, reluctant to

ing against his old team, until Holmes replaced him at half-time. Coleman did his bit at the back, where Ray Harford is making a habit of collecting good-ish defenders. Good-ish fits Blackburn. Champions ought to be capable of some-

Still, there is always something to savour when a game promises an alliance between Palmer, that prince of central defenders, and Worthington,

snarled a bit, earning a book-

Wilkinson's faithful retainer. Bear those names in mind when people like Ray Harford argue that games like this are "not fair to the paying public" and then ask this question: whose fault is that?

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2) M Beenay — G Kelly, C Palmar, R Jobson, N Warthington — M Ford, G McAllister, G Speet, T Broim (sub, R Wallace, 61mm) — B Deane, A

Teodan BLACKGURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, N Marker, C Coleman, J Kenna — S Ripley, L Bohmen, O Bahv (sub, M Holmes, 4-5), W McKninay — A Shearer, M Newell (sub, G Fenion, 74)

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAVEL SRNICEK, the Czech Republic and Newcastle Uni-ted goalkeeper. has two big wishes as leaders of the FA Carling Premiership aim to bounce back from their defeat at Old Trafford before Christmas against Arsenal tonight. "I want to keep a clean sheet and hope the team play with a positive attitude.

"We have tried to put the United game hehind us. We realise that everywhere we go. everyone wants to beat Newcastle. Every game is like a cup-tie. We would like to put it right against Arsenal, although we know it will be difficult. They have a great defensive record away from home."

Arsenal, still reeling from a -I home defeat against Wimbledon, welcome back their central defenders, Tony Adams, after a stomach upset. and Steve Bould, after suspension.

Keegan will be without three key players. Keith Gillespie, the Northern Ireland winger, has been ruled out by a thigh injury, Phillipe Albert, the defender, has suffered a recurrence of a knee injury and John Beresford, the full back, is suspended. Steve Howey, the central defender, is hoping to recover from flu, but Warren Barton, the full back, has been struggling with a hamstring strain.

Queens Park Rangers are also hoping to bounce back from an Old Trafford defeat - with Daniele Dichio desperate to succeed against Chelsea. The emerging striker scored his eighth goal of the season on Saturday and seems certain to start the

London derby. "Cheisea is a big game and they are our arch-enemies, but it means even more to me," he revealed. "I am a Rangers lad, but a lot of my friends are Chelsea fans. I have got to go oul and see them after the game. I can't do that if we get

"It is important to pick ourselves up after a bad Christmas. We didn't play that badly against United, but

we have got to start believing in ourselves." Mark Hateley, the striker.

could return to the side after missing the match against United, and Ray Wilkins, the player-manager, might also come into the reckoning after being sidelined by a combinanon of flu and a nagging back iniury

Mark did us a favour and came back earlier than he should have done." Wilkins said. "The foot injury is still give him a rest against United." there and I thought it best to

Chelsea are likely to keep faith in attack with Paul Furlong, who replaced the suspended Mark Hughes against Liverpool on Saturday, as the Welshman is still serving his ban. Andy Dow will continue at left back if Andy Myers has not recovered from a thigh strain.

Paul McStay will lead Celtic into the Old Firm showdown against Rangers. the Scottish League champions, at Parkhead tomorrow with a rallying call to his team-mates that it is their most crucial match of the season.

And while McStay, the captain, says Celtic have made giant strides in the past 12 months, he desperately wants a new-year win over their greatest rivals after two defeats and one draw in their three meetings so far this

Walter Smith's side are eighl points clear of Celtic after the 7-0 hiding of Hibernian on Saturday, but Tommy Burns and company have two matches in hand.

McStay said: "I think it is very crucial - and maybe that is an understatement. It's our home game and we want to go and win it. It will be the side who wants to win it more that takes the three points. The two teams are evenly-matched and I think it is all about determination on the day." Rangers's last new-year

derby defeat came in 1988 when two Frank McAvennie goals helped Celtic to a 2-0 win and later the title.

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Wimbledon.... Everton 3

BY ALYSON RUDD

EVERTON were irresistible -at least for the first half an hour. Had they persevered with their audacious attacking formation, enthusiasm and oprimism, the game could have been a classic. Instead. the visitors were relieved to hear the final whistle.

Joe Royle, the Everton manager, again rejigged the team's formation to exploit the opposition's weaknesses. By starting with four attackers. the message was clearly that Royle thought Wimbledon were vulnerable on home soil. The Wimbledon players must have felt peeved and embarrassed. They certainly behaved meekly, and allowed Everton to take the lead after just 23 seconds. Ferguson left Perry

sprawled on the right wing and pulled the ball back for Rideout. His shot was only parried by Segers. Ebrell shot the loose ball home.

Everton pressed harder.

from the Wimbledon defence and Rideout missed several good opportunities. Then, Ferguson scored twice inside a minute.

Kanchelskis brought gulps

rebuild a team he took to the

championship have been un-impressive, while Blackburn

rely excessively on one man,

exceptional though he is. But even Shearer has dismal after-

noons. He had three efforts in

the first half, none of them

particularly serious, and was

so deprived of company after

that he might as well have

caught the next bus across the

First, he collected Jackson's cross with his back to goal, just inside the penalty area. turned and volleyed in his first away goal for the Merseyside club. He then made it 3-0, prodding in Unsworth's cross from the left.

Royle may have mixed feelings about Ferguson in such good form. If, on January 19,



Everton fail to wipe out the 12match ban hanging over the recent inmate of Barlinnie prison, then Ferguson will, having already missed five games through his suspen-Southall and then ran to retrieve the ball from the back sion, be out of action for a

further seven matches. was possible and so did his Whatever the rights or team-mates. wrongs of Ferguson's hero's The Wimbledon supporters welcome after his jail sen-tence, it is remarkable that he left Selhurst Park disgruntled, not just because of the defeat has returned to the Premierbut because the tackle by ship unscathed. Wimbledon Watson on Ekoku in the 66th did not know how to contain minute felled the former Norhim - at times, he seemed the wich City striker when he had beaten the offside trap. Watfootballing equivalent of Jonah Lomu, powering through son. sent off on Saturday, was booked this time. challenges as if they had not been made.

"It's not the Duncan Fergu-"just stopped passing the ball son sideshow," Royle said, but around in the second half". he was clearly the pick of Perhaps the manager's warnmany excellent first-half pering of the anticipated onformers. Everton looked capaslaught actually helped to turn the tables. Unfortunately for ble of scoring with their ankles ned together. Wimbledon be-Wimbledon, they did not turn haved as though that was far enough. what they required.

WindSLEDON (44-2) H Segars — K Curningham (sub J Evell, Stenn) A Reves, C Perry, A timble — E Brow, R Earle, O Janes, O Laonharssen — M Hanond (sub M Gayle, 46) O Holdsworth EVERTON (4-2-4) N Southall — M Jackson, J Parlonson, O Walson D Unsworth — B Home, J Ebrell — A Fanchetskis (sub A Hinchoffe, 78), D Ferguson, P Rideout G Stuart Referee: A Villere Royle said he warned his players that Wimbledon would fight back, and fight they did. Fifteen minutes after the interval, Jones interchanged passes with Leonhardsen and lofted the

ball in to the penalty area for Holdsworth to score. Ekoku, played through by Earle, slid the ball under

of the net. He felt another goal

Royle admined that Everton

meaningful way. Batty

West Ham United1 BY DAVID MADDOCK

Manchester City2

ALAN BALL'S New Year resolurion, in his programme notes, was to make Manchester City great again. On this evidence, he should set his sights just a little lower. Avoiding relegation would do. The manager at least had the satisfaction of seeing one of his side's more depressing statistics disappear. They managed to score more than one goal in an FA Carling Premiership match for the first time this season.

It gave them victory. another rarity. That is hardly enough to allow those connected with Maine Road to cononue their festivices of the night before, however. This was an awful match and City won only because their awfulness wasn't quite as marked as

West Ham's. The London club had an excuse, of sorts, although it would be unkind and a little unfair to call on it. In goal they paraded debutant Neil Finn.

at 17 years, three days the youngest player ever to appear in the Premiership. He performed competently enough, but the painful truth, not least for those who had to endure this match, was that he was given little to do. He was beaten twice by

Quinn, who trebled his league rather harshly. tally for the season. Apart from fielding feeble efforts that barely deserved to be called shois. Finn was never tested. "It was not the best of

performances, I expected us to put their young keeper under far more pressure, but we just had no conviction and played far too deeply." Ball said. reinforcing the suspicion that City will do well to emerge from their position amongst the bottom three.

It was Ouinn who translated minimal possession into victory with a goal in either half. The first, following a deep ball from Brightwell flicked on by Rösler, was a fine finish. The second, after 78 minutes, was rather more scrappy. Quinn trundling home a rebound after a game of pinball in the box.

In between. Dowie had As for West Ham, they are far too close to the danger area equalised for West Ham when he capitalised on poor markto turn in many more performances of this ilk. But they ing to convert easily from close range in the 75th minute. It were perhaps haunted by defensive uncertainty brought was, though, just about the on by the presence of a first year YTS, barely out of school, visiting team's only chance, if you ignore, that is, a Rieper header that was disallowed. in goal. It was a situation that forced

The significance of Quinn's Harry Redknapp, the West contribution was not lost on Ham manager, to dispense the striker, given City's precarwith the usual seasonal niceries. "It is ridiculous, we have ious position. "It was important because sides had begun our first choice keeper to open up a gap, and we have closed that a little," he said. Miklosko suspended, and our second. Sealey out with injury. Finn also has an injury and can't kick so I asked the Premier league for permission

to bring in a keeper on loan and they declined — ridicu-lous," he said. It might just have been better for everyone, especially those with the customary New Year hangover, if he had argued for a postponement. MANCHESTER CITY (1 - 31-2); E Immal – N Summerbee, K Symons, K Curle, I Baghiwali – S Lomas, G Filicroti (sub R Baland, S7mm) M Brown – G Kinkiadze – U Rösler (sub M Phillips, 76), N Ounn

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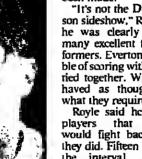
WEST HAM UNITED (4-5-1) N Finn — J Harkes, M Rieper, S Potts, J Dicks — R Stater, I Bishop, J Moncur, O Willamson (sub O Hutchison, 66), M Hughes — I Hankes, Slater, I (sub O

Quinn: struck twice

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> Sheffield Wednesday 4 Bolton Wanderers . BY IVO TENNANT

opening minutes. From a position more central than that in DAVID PLEAT would wish to which he made his name, see a mid-season break intro-Waddle curled and feathered duced in the FA Carling Premiership at this time of his passes to anybody pre-pared to run off the ball for year. Too many matches, he him. His passes that led to both of argues, have had to be postponed because of what has Kovacevic's goals were as different as they were a debeen rather more than a cold snap. Whatever the condilight. First, after 21 minutes, a tions, however, the teams he

puts out for Sheffield Wednesday continue to enthral. Their victory yesterday, in a match that no defender relished, owed much to his new signing. Darko Kovacevic. The chunky goalscorer, included along with his compatriot. Dejan Stefanovic, scored twice on his home debut, his goals fashioned for

him by Chris Waddle. Kovacevic has come to Hillsborough as slightly the more expensive component in a £45 million package. He and Stefanovic are known. inevitably, not by their surnames, but by their more digestible first names. Darko and Dejan, Yugoslavia inter-nationals both, make for a neat pairing. Like several of the overseas players who bave been brought to England in recent

months by managers irked by the absurd fees demanded of home-grown alternatives, the two of them speak little English. This is ultimately no impediment for the gifted player, as Manchester City have found with Georgiou Kinkladze. Initially, though, there are bound to be some difficulties.

were in defence, where Stefanovie was played at left back. It is no exaggeration to say that Bolton should have scored three times in the first 15 minutes, in addition to having what would have been the first goal of the match disallowed for offside. Without Nicol, who has been

ball lifted over Bolton's defence that Hirst centred and Kovacevic - a natural scorer, according to Des Walker needed only to glance past Branagan. Then, just before half-time, the forward was given sufficient space by Wad-dle's beautifully-weighted through-pass to choose his corner of goal. So much for Wednesday's attack. Their defence continued to give some succour to Bolton. Curcic, another Yugoslav and a lively presence allowed plenty of space in

midfield, made it 2-1 with a 25yard shot five minutes after half-time. Four minutes later, though, that impetus was wasted when Sellars bundled Sinton over too close to his own goal and Hirst some with the ensuing penalty kick. Bolton had no option now but to send their less combustible defenders forward --- and with inevitable consequences. The ball continued to be worked from one end of the

pitch to the other, rarely in a crude manner. Hirst, given no shortage of opportunity, averted a second attempted tackle by Taggart and slipped his shot past Branagan: 4-1. Still Bolton came forward, the fog that had threatened to

Most of these yesterday bring the match to an early finish enveloping their white shirts as they did so. They gained one last corner, which Sellars swung across to Taggart. The predatory cen-

trai defender headed past Pressman. Bolton may well be on their way to the Endsleigh Insurance League, but at least playing for a while with a they are going out in style. hairline fracture of a toe. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-3-3): K

t could never happen in the Gillingham defence, for a back four and goalkeep-er assembled for £15,000. at least not this season. Three of the five arrived on surely? After a series of soft free transfers.

goals on Saturday - gaffes by Gillingham nearly did not Schmeichel, Prudhoc, Branlet in any goals this season. agan and Wetherall were all They were nearly not playing memorable - one had only to at all. In receivership last go to Brisbane Road, where Gillingham were playing Ley-ton Orient yesterday, to see how the job of defending should be done. One match summer, they testered on the

brink of closure; but, bought by Paul Scally, a Millwall supporter, the club was saved. Tony Pulis was appointed manager and, in his first away from mid-term, Gillingham are oo course to break season, has steered the peren-Liverpool's league record, set nial strugglers towards proin 1978-79, of 16 goals concedmotion. A 21st-minute header by Leo Fortune-West took After 22 matches in the them back to the top of the

Endsleigh Insurance League third division, Gillingham have let in only seven goals. division yesterday. Fortune-West cost £5,000 from Stevenage Borough, but They have yet to concede probably Pulis's most inspired summer signing was more than one in a game,

David Powell sees Gillingham win 1-0 at Leyton Orient and so close on an impressive record

size may have put many managers off him. Pulis reunder 20 goals," Stannard said. "You do not expect to gards it as an asset. "I like goalkeepers who fill have 15 clean sheets in 22

the goal and Jim certainly does that." Pulis said. "But, for his size, his reaction saves are first class. He has worked and played as though he has something to prove." Stannard, 33, said: "Ful-

ham wanted me to take a drop in wages. 25 per cent, and, being one of the better players at the club. I did not think I deserved that." With 15 elean sheets in the

and approach the game. I do a lot of agility work. I am an league so far, Stannard has experienced goalkeeper and seem to be one step ahead of the forwards at the moment." As is the back four. Dominic Naylor (left back) and Richard Green (righr back) were free-transfer signings,

maximum.

"Hopefully, I can keep it

games and the worst defeat we have had is 1-0. With the

team we have, it can go on for quite a while. We night get

beaten one or two-nil

look big and the goal looks

small, that I put a forward off.

though it is not all about size.

It is about the way you work

They say in training that I

Stannard keeps Liverpool's best in sight Tony Butler, a right-sided central defender, signed as an apprentice and Mark Harris,

> Builer were with Gillingham last season. Pulis believes Butler has Premiership potential and praised Green for defending the back post so well. "In the lower leagues, a lot more crosses are played into the box," Pulis said, adding that defending the back post was particularly important.

a left-sided central defender.

cost £15,000. Only Green and

Builer and Harris are footballing central defenders, nut merely stoppers, according to Pulis.

Gillingham have played 4-1-2 for most of the season and, with Harris left-footed and Butler right-footed, Pulis

season - may be the key; but the record for the lower divisions of 21 goals conceded in a season, shared by Southampion (1921-22) and Port Vale (1953-54) does (ook attainable,

Unlike Stannard, Pulis expects at least one team to put a few past Gillingham before the season ends. "We will probably get caught one day." he said, "As a manager, you are always waining for it to come to an end, and it will come to an end."

But not if Stannard can help it. At Fulham, they would sing: "He's fat. he's round, he's worth a million pounds." Perhaps not quite a million, but more than a free

transfer, for sure. GILLINGHAM (4-4-2) - J Stanraid - B Buller, M H nn, S Raichte D Manin, O Bailey (216 Micklewhile, 67mm) — S Builler L LEYTON ORIENT (4-3-3) R Feation - D Purse, G Belismy, A McCarthy, R Stanclaus — S Brooks, G Cottaul, O Carne — A Inglemorpe Isab D Hansor, 71), C West, A Fally Referent Hemicy

FOOTBALL 23



Stannard, the Gillingham goalkeeper, maintains a watchful eye on proceedings during the victory at Brisbane Road yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

weanesc ay looked oeren sense of discipline. Their strengths reside at the other end of the pitch. In their

previous five matches, Wednesday had scored 14 goals. Waddle, for instance, pos-

O Stohanovic — M Degryse, C Waddle, A Sansor — O Kovastvic (sub; M Bright, 72min), G Whiteingham, O Hirst. BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagen -- S Greer, A Studios, O Taggert, J Philips -- A Todd, S Curcic, A Sneeker, S Salers -- J McGarkey (sub: F De Freites, Salers -- J McGarkey (sub: F De Freites, 751. N Blad meet; P Durkin

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ery 274 minutes.

ed in a season.

They have given away less than half as many as Swindon Town, who have the next best defensive record in the four divisions. Some achievement

Jun Stannard, the Gullingham goalkeeper, a free transfer from Fulham after 13 years

Goals provide rare moments of cheer

at Craven Cottage. Stannard, at 15st 12ib, is the heaviest player in the league and, while he believes that his

designs on John Simpson's club record of 24 in a season. That was 32 years ago, when Gillingham conceded 30 goals, a fourth division record that was never beaten.

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Covenury from Leeds United

for £2 million and adequate

compensation for an earlier

near miss. In the 36th minute.

he had headed against a post after Busst had nodded on

"Is must have looked tre-

mendous for the lad to run all

the way through like that."

Dave Merrington, the South-

The Southampton goal, in

a frenzied response

Richardson's corner.

attributes much of Gilling ham's success to the balance in defence. Whether they can avoid injuries long enough to sustain a challenge to Liverpool's record - Ray Clemence kepi 28 clean sheets that

Megson talks his way into trouble

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GARY MEGSON, the new Norwich City manager, is likely to face disciplinary action by the Football Association after a run-in with Jim Rushton, the referee, during the 2-1 defeat away to Derby County, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division leaders, yesterday.

Megson, who last month returned to Carrow Road as manager after he had briefly filled the role as caretaker at the end of last season, was banished from the touchline for the second half as a result of comments he made to the official from Stoke.

The Norwich manager was angry that Rushton ordered Shaun Carey from the pitch with a badly-gashed forehead when his team was already down to ten men after Spencer Prior had been carried off on a

a stretcher. With Norwich then down to nine men, Derby took the lead and that sparked Megson's outburst, "I was upset with the

referee and 1 went to see him at half-time," he said. "I had no qualms with the fact that Carey had to come off to have the wound looked at but what annoyed me was that the referee waited until we were down to ten men.

We were hoping to nurse Carey through to half-time and sort it out then. I was upset with the referee's timing and wanted to know why he couldn't have taken the decision when we had II men on the field.

The referee said he would . be reporting me for my com-ments and didn't feel it was right for me to sit in the dugout for the second half. So I sat behind it and watched the game with the Derby supporters." Derby won the match in the

ninetieth minute with a header by Marco Gabbiadini.

also left a large void that, Coventry City1 predictably, was never filled. Southampton1 Oh, for a touch of class. What remained was a

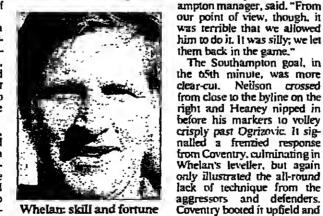
messy series of lost possession. misdirected passes and a long punt forward. Although ear-A new year, a new dawn? Not for Coventry City or Southnest endeavour was not in ampton, those perennial topshort supply, especially in the second half, it was more in flight strugglers, judging by the erratic FA Carling Predesperation to show that at micrship fare dished up at Highfield Road yesterday. Any supporters with a delicate least they meant well, even if they were clearly incapable of

carrying it out. "I had a feeling it would be a disposition from the night before would have left subdraw," Ron Atkinson, the Covstantially the worse for wear, entry manager, said. "Southsuch was the numbing combiampton flood the midfield, nation of bitter weather and play a stifling sort of game and remote prospect of either side hit you on the break. Against mustering anything vaguely resembling cultured football. that, it's sometimes difficult to get any type of passing game A slippery, uneven surface going.

did not help, with the ball A goal apiece - nice goals, often behaving irregularly too - will have disguised and with few players able to nurse it under sufficient conmuch of the dross, with Whelen's 84th-minute equaltrol to make significant headiser produced from a bizarre way. The absence through mixture of intricate skill and injury of Le Tissier, despite his good fortune. Latching on to miserable mental state of late, Dublin's flick near the half-

way line, he set off on a solo run that took him pass numerous flailing Southampton challenges

Time and again, the ball should have been plucked from his grasp but somehow, he managed to stumble on. almost drunkenly, before planting a low shot past Beasant from close range. It was Whelan's third goal in



Whelan: skill and fortune

Travel headaches add to new year hangover

omputers are not normally recognised as having senses of humour but, if they have, then the Football League's must possess an especially wicked one. How else can you explain New Year's Day fixtures that send Cardiff supporters to Pres-ton (for a noon kick-off), Colchester devotees 230 miles to Torquay and supporters of Stockport County on a 500-mile round trip to Brighton?

This is the second successive season that Stockport supporters have had to make the long trip to the south coast at the new year, although last time the game fell on January 2 Yesterday, however, for 30 members of the Stockport Independent Supporters Club, hangovers had to be forgotten or ignored, with an 8.30am start from their favourite hostelry, the Fingerpost Hotel, and arrival for pre-match fortification at Brighton Post Office Sports and Social Club 4'2 hours later. The award-winning Stockport fanzine is called The Ten Party, but there was not much tea around, which was surprising as one might have expected the previous night's revellers to have seen enough alcohol to last

Nick Szczepanik finds supporters of Stockport in quiet mood on a 500-mile round trip to Brighton

them at least 24 hours. One supporter had brought a "hair of the dog" just in case - a small bottle of poteen. "Purely medicinal," he said, "but it wasn't necessary. I went to bed at 3am. set the alarm, woke up, still drunk, and got on the coach."

There had been, however, one or two heavy heads. Many had not gone home at all. The Fingerpost landlord saw his last guest out at 4.30am and a lot of people did not bother going to sleep, preferring a nap on the coach --Clint Eastwood videos and a rowdy card school notwithstanding. One younger traveller never made it, being violently travel sick even before he got on, presumably at the very idea of the iourney.

Wouldn't regional football be an answer? "Oh, no," was the reply. "We love travelling, seeing new places but not New Year's Day, when you can't see properly anyway." "The computer sends us a long way,

be excluded by those chairmen who seek to put their clubs' ambitions but it never puts us in the first division," another said. "Luckily. the before the interests of the second and team travels quite well." third divisions - a sobering thought. What I took to be a large family group turned out to be a regular, up to much. Over-enjoyment of Post game-going group of friends. "There Office hospitality meant that we arrived at the ground just in time to

are fewer today because of the date and the time," I was told. "But we are part of a group of 50 or so who more or

ome travel to places like the Isle of Man for pre-season tourna-D ments. Do people call them mad? "Oh, yeah," (a chorus). "My dad," added Denise, whose daughter. Katy, nevertheless represents a second generation of travelling supporters and who has benefited from the more educational aspects of visits to cities like York and Oxford.

Their stories of other away trips were full of good humour - like the game when only nine Stockport players made a kick-off at Bury - and Southampton belted it straight back.

Aptly summing up an occasion preferably left to gather dust in the video archives. Keith Cooper, the Pontypridd referee, blew for time a minute early. After representations from Gordon Strachan, the Covenity assistant manager, and Lew Chatterley. his Southampton counterpart, Cooper agreed to resume for

another uneventful two minutes "All 1'll say is, perhaps he should get a new watch." Merringion said wryly. "It makes a change from new glasses," came the witty retort from one of the assembled reporters. It was the best moment of the afternoon.

Shipperley Refere: F Cooper (Pontypodd)

spoke of a much improved atmo-

sphere between rival supporters, with

some exceptions. And yet these loyal

supporters follow a club which might

A pity then, that the game was not

see Stockport go a goal down. Brighton followers have a reput-

ation for being quiet, but the visitors

managed to match them for 12 or so

minutes until an equaliser arrived.

Even then, for the most part, there was

Some comparatively fortunate sup-

porters were based in Brighton itself.

'It was a struggle to get up even then,"

said one. The game, like some of the

a nervous silence.

always is."

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Hibernian ease painful memory

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BY KEVIN MCCARRA

JUST before kick-off, a Hibernian supporter said: "I'm only staying nil it gets to three" attempting to use mordant humour to ward off any repetition of the 7-0 defeat his team had suffered against Rangers on Saturday. In the opening stages of this Edinburgh derby, though, it appeared that the rate at which Hibernian concede goals was only gathering pace.

Heart of Midlothian had the lead within seven minutes and the home side looked then as if their own ability had sunk beneath layers of self-doubr. Accordingly, those who cling to the belief that there is logic. and even justice, in football would have taken deep satisfaction from the way the game subsequently developed. Yes-terday at least, skill was tu

prove cunclusive. Despite the appearance of the score at Ibrox. Hibernian do possess a reasonable amount of the quality. It can be detected in the third-placed Bell's Sconish League premier division position they still hold, despite losing six of their last eight matches before this victory. Hearts, on the other hand, have made progress, after last season's difficulties. just to separate themselves

from the relegation zone. The experiences of their left back, Neil Pointon, encapsulated the whole afternoon. The veteran, a £30,000 signing from Oldham Athletic, claimed his first goal for the club in his derby match debul. Gradually, however, he was to be revealed as a weakness and Hibernian began to pour re-

spectators, barely roused itself but at sources down his flank. Yet Hearts, while the going least they had an excuse. As the referee played injury time, someone shouted: was good, might have left their "Come on, we've got a coach to catch." rivals with an insurmountable deficit. After taking Johnston's "So, was it worth it?" I asked a grimfaced man as the whistle blew. "It cross, Pointon had driven a raking shot across Leighton to

to involve himself in the hurlyburly, but his touch is unreliable. When, after 20 minutes, Robertson held off Hunter and squared to him, his mishin shot trundled wide. Eventually, Hibernian, having survived such scares, began to prosper. In the 23th minute, Pointon could not stop McAllister from reaching the byline and lifting a cross to the near post for Michael O'Neill to mark his return from

score. Then, for a time, they

found it relatively easy to

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Swede is big. strong and eager

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suspension by heading past Roussel. The winning goal was to be provided by another man much missed by Hibernian in recent weeks. Injury had kept Kevin Harper from starting any of the previous seven games for the club, yet the teenager's vivacity proved unimpaired. Four minutes from the interval. Pointon fouled McAllister and Millen slipped the free kick to Jackson. His angled batl was nodded back across the area to be met with

a searing volley from to vards by Harper that flew past the goalkeeper. Rousset, however, did manager to intervene frequently in the second half, making remarkable saves from, in par-

ncular. McGinlay, Jackson and McAllister as Hibernian's control of the play increased. His athlencism largely prevented the Easter Road side from repairing the goal difference that was so badly damaged on Saturday. Victory over Hearts, all the same, will, as always, prove wholly acceptable.

HIBERNIAN (4.4-2): J Legnton - P McCarlay, G Hurter, S Tweed, J Torioteno - N McAtister, A Millen, O Jackson M O'Nell - Y Wright, K Herper (sub: G Evans,

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Crockett is inspiration for Colts' play-off win

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

stand-in running back, was the surprise package as Indianapolis Colts beat San Diego Chargers, the defending American Football Conference (AFC) champions, 35-20 in the AFC wild-card game on Sunday night.

Crockett, coming on after Marshall Faulk went off with a bruised knee in the opening period, ran for two touchdowns and 147 yards on 13 carries, setting a Colts postscason record — after a regu-lar season in which he had just one carry and gained no yards. Crockett scored on runs of 33 and 66 yards.

The second touchdown, in the fourth quarter, set a Colts franchise post-season record and was the longest-rushing play by the Colts since Tom Matte's 58-yarder in the 1969 Super Bowl against New York Jets. Crockett, from Florida State, gave the Colts control of a see-saw game and stunned

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the crowd at Jack Murphy Stadium with his 66-yard touchdown run with Ilmin 28sec remaining. Chargers end Leslie O'Neal overran the delay play and Crockett chugged up the middle of the field, picking up a block from Lamont Warren to give the Colts a 28-20 lead.

For his first touchdown run. Crockett made a shambles of a defence noted for its play against the run, going untouched for 33 yards to give the Colts a 14-10 lead with Imin 47sec remaining of the second quarter.

"Zack was unbelievable," Jim Harbaugh, the Colts quarterback who threw for two touchdowns in the match. reigning Super Bowl champions, on Saturday in San said. "It was crazy the way he Francisco.

ZACK CROCKETT. the five play-off game defeats and earned them a trip to Kansas City on Sunday. Ted Marchibroda. the Colts coach, said: "After the game was over. t told the guys that we were one of eight teams left and we have two more steps to

get to the top of the mountain." The two teams met on the penultimate weekend of the regular season, a game won by San Diego. The Colts employed a zone defense this time after their man-for-man system proved their undoing in the previous meeting. The tactic paid off and Jason Belser, the Colts' safety, said:

"Our defensive package was just so good. We looked at the film and made the changes." Earlier, Brett Favre threw for 199 yards and three touchdowns, with Edgar Bennett running for a Green Bay playoff record, as the Packers beat Atlanta Falcons 37-20 in the National Football Conference (NFC) wild-card game. Favre, who spent his rookie

season in Atlanta before being traded to Green Bay in 1992, rallied the Packers to a 27-10 half-time lead after Jeff George gave Atlanta an early lead with a 65-yard touchdown pass to Eric Metcalf. Favre, who threw an NFCbest 38 touchdowns this year and was named the NFL offensive player of the year. picked apart Atlanta's defence.

which yielded an NFL-record 4.751 passing yards, but he had plenty of help. Amid fog and snow flurries in the first half, he completed passes to nine different receivers.

Bennett, Green Bay's first 1.000-yard rusher, rushed 108 yards on 24 carries, improving by three yards the Packers record shared by Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung. The Pack-ers will face the 49ers. the

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Lane's delight is evident after his lucrative victory in the world championship of golf in Scottsdale, Arizona

Lane reserves his best for last hole

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BARRY LANE enjoyed the biggest payday of his career when he beat David Frost in the final of the Andersen Consulting world championship of golf in Scottsdale. Arizona. His two-up victory carned him £660,000.

Lane, from Berkshire, took a three-hole lead after 25 holes of the 36-hole final of the matchplay event, which carried total prize-money of £2.4 million. But Frost, of South Africa, clawed back to level the match seven holes later. Lane regained the lead with a birdie at the par-four 33rd

one up. Lane was credited with an eagle three on the 562-yard 9th after Frost had a

bogey and conceded a 15-foot putt. Another bogey from Frost put Lane two up after 20 holes but Lane missed a four-footer for a birdie on the 21st and, with it, a chance to go three up. The next four holes were halved before Lane finally got to three up when Frost had a bogey at the 25th.

Lane's second shot at the 27th landed in a bunker, and his first attempt from the sand stayed in. Frost made a spectacular chip to save par and Lane's bogey six reduced his lead to two boles.

save par on the 29th hole to remain one up. Frost then drew level with a birdie on the 31st bole. Lane regained the lead with a six-font birdie putt at the 33rd and boled from nine feet on the last green to seal

victory. Frost earned £330,000 as the runnerup. while Lane's prize was some consolation for his failure to gain a place in the Europe Ryder Cup team which regained the trophy from the United States in September.

In the 18-hole match for third place, Mark McCumber, of the United States, educed his lead to two boles. It was the first of three straight holes in back nine and beat Masahiro Kuramoto, demonstrated. In Jamaica,

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Challenge gets greater as national event goes global

Mel Webb salutes the remarkable success of a three-year-old corporate golf tournament

n the short history of The Times MeesPierson Cor-porate Golf Challenge, winning the national title has been enough to keep even the most ambitious of golfing businesses happy. From this year, however, the prize is to become immeasurably greater as the concept of competitive corporate golf goes worldwide. The World Corporate Golf Challenge, launched this week, is to expand the hori-

zons of the phenomenally successful pioneer competition that has grown so dramatical-ly during its three-year existence .:

Last year, the Challenge in the British Isles attracted nearly 800 company registrations and almost 50,000 players, which makes it one of the world's leading golf events. It was the first golf competition to be aimed specifically at the business community when it was launched in 1993; it remains unchallengeably the best.

Imagine, then, the response that is likely in the United States, where an agreement has recently been completed to stage its first Corporate Challenge this year. The winners of that event will play in their national final at the PGA National at West Palm Beach. Florida.

The United States Challenge will be staged by a joint venture partnership, the British arm of which is a company that has been established by Mitchell Ellingham Asso-ciates (MEA). MEA is the parent company of Mitchell Marketing Associates (MMA). the firm which conceived the event in the British Isles and which continues to run it on behalf of The Times and MeesPierson, the Dutch-

owned merchant bank. The Challenge has also been taken to Jamaica and Holland, where the versatility of the-

subscription but no less successful, while in Holland the template of the British tournament has been adapted to suit local needs and requirements. "It was obvious from when we started this competition that its flexibility would be the point that would make it suitable for just about any market," John Mitchell, managing director of MMA_said. We were confident on day one that, even given major territo-rial difference, the concept would be capable of adaptation without losing the essence of the competition. The response we have had worldwide underlines that."

Already the event has been taken up on a licensee basis by

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such diverse business cultures as those in India, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. The one constant is the scoring system - four golfers to form the team, at least one from the host company, best two Stableford scores on each hole to count. Everything else is negotiable

Interest in the Challenge has been expressed by many other countries, and MMA are actively engaged in a search for leading companies in sports event management and public relations to turn a unique concept into reality elsewhere.

The first world final, to be organised by MMA, will be held in February or March of 1997 at one of a host of highquality golfing venues, yet to be announced. The winners of

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was running out there. That one 66-yarder was a beautiful was running our mere. That one 66-yarder was a beautiful thing. You've got to give some credit to our offensive line." The Colts' first play-off vic-tory in 24 years ended a run of

and sealed victory with a birdie on the last.

The Englishman shot a five-under-par 67 on the first 18 holes of the final, compared with Frost's 71, but was only

which Lane hit a bunker and found himself putting for par while Frost putted for birdie. Frost parred all three boles, while Lane had to sink an eight-footer to

of Japan, 4 and 3. McCumber earned £230,000 and Kuramoto, whom Lane had defeated two up in the semi-finals, £200,000.

still an emerging country in the field of corporate golf, the event has been considerably smaller, open to entry by

The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge this year will be there, represent-ing company, competition and country.

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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			South might well have passed that bid if he had heid	blew the defence's last	down with an exposed king.		
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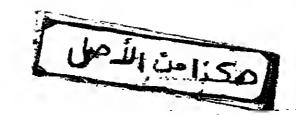
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10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers Queens Park Rangers	1.00 0 0
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00 -8 -22
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11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75 +5 -12
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11202	V Barban	Arsenal	0.50 0 0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50 -1 -24
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11401	L Mildosko	West Ham United	2.50 0 -15
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11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50+10+13
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11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50 0+14
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00 0 -1
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00 0 +3
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75 -8 +7
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IT WAS way back in the summer when I picked "The Ninja Warriors". It was the Friday night before the FA Charity Shield and we were in a hotel. "The

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	41409	R Stater	West Ham United	1.00 0+1
	41410	S Lazarides	West Ham United	1.00 0 +
	41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00 0+1
	41412	D Williamson	West Harn United	1.00 0 +4
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	41502	J Ebbrell	Eventon	1.50 +4+10
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	41504	B Home	Everton	1.50 +3+1
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	41506	J Parkinson	Eventon	1.00 +4+2
	41508	A Grant	Everton	0.50 0 +3
	41509	A Kanchelskis	Eventori	6.00 +8+3
	41601	P Cook	Coventry City	2.00 0 +2
	41802	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50 0+14
	41603		Coventry City	1.50 0 +
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	41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50 +1+22
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		A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00 0+13
	41802	i Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00 0+2
	41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00 0+2
	41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50 0 0
	41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50 0+20
	41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	1.00 0+2
	41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00 +1 +1
	41903		Middlesbrough	1.00 0 +1
	41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75 0+14
		. J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00 +1+20
	41906	B Robson -	Middlesbrough	1.50 0 +2
	41907	Juninho	Middlesbrough	5.00 +2+11
	42002	DLee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50 0 +6
	42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50 0+13
	42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50 +2 +8
	42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75 0 +8
	42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50 0 0
	42008	S Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.50 +2+10
	42009	S Curcic	Bolton Wanderers	1.50 +1 +4

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20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50 +2 +1	Fowler, it was going to	cost an arm and a a	few hlocups, bu	t if you can keep	had no qualms there.	You just have to	50105 N Goodm'das 50201' E Cantona		2.00 0 0 0 7.50 +3+20		
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20302 20303	D Lyttle A Haaland	Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	3.00 +8+11 1.00 0 -9	My most expensive Seaman at £5 million.		e title. As for Jim, 1 know	him from playing in	just eight points from 13 we had two tough 1		50203 B McClair 50204 P Scholes	Manchester United Manchester United	3.00 +2+18 2.50 0+28		
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20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75 -2+24	you never concede ma	ny goals. But the			I think it was a shame		50303 J Lee 50304 G Bull	Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	1.50 +4+26 0.75 0 0		
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20503 20601	N Worthington J Beresford	Leeds United Newcastle United	1.50 0 -1 3.00 -2+12	carned me more points In midfield my two	than anyone else.	oalkeeper: O Seaman	(Arsensi) £5m	not sure quite why is sometimes, when a new	it happens, but	50402 S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50 +1+20		
20602 20603	M Hottiger	Newcastle United	3.00 0 0 3.00 -2+18	been David Ginola ar When Ginola first sign	d Jim Magilton. Fi	all backet: G Neville T Phelan	(Man Uid) £2.5m (Cheisea) £1.5m	along, everyone feels the the same footing.	ey all start off on	50403 Rush 50501 A Yebosh	Liverpool Leeds United	3.00 0+15 7.50 +4+39		
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Leader's margin reduced to three points as nearest rivals enjoy successful week

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Kickers' slip-up helps rivals to close the gap

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L had to happen, finally. Kevins Kickers, who had looked to have one hand a)ready on the Interactive Team Football (ITF) prize. have finally reached the end of their hot streak. And with Mr B Bear's Teddy Five enjoying a bumper week, the lead in Interactive Team Football is down to just them points. down to just three points.

Things can change quickly in football and the Kickers' slip-up means the race for the £50,000 first prize is well and truly on. Teddy Five, the team giving hardest chase to the leader, racked up a massive 41 points during the last week to move him up to 354. Mr James, the manager of Kevins Kickers, managed just two points in the same period and moves on to 357. Hot on their heels is Gohils Gods 65, the team of Mr B. Gohil, whose 35 points leave him close behind on 353.

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The next week of action will be of particular interest and could see the lead change hands for the first time since the early weeks of the competition. The temporary change in Kevins Kickers' fortunes should certainly encourage everyone not to give up pursuit. With the usual rash of post-Christmas sales, it seems a suitable time to highlight where bargains can be found in ITF. Here is a list of players whose price-tags when the competition began now look decidedly observe decidedly cheap. Steve Harkness, of Liver-

pool, and Neil Cox, of Middlesbrough, cost just £0.75 million and have scored 24 and 23points respectively from the full back position. The same price would have bought Cox's team-mates Steve Vickers (26 points) and Nigel Pearson (17 points). Vickers has proved one of the bargain

huys of the competition. Im midfield, any of David Beckham, of Manchester Uni-ted, Joe Parkinson, of Everton, or Craig Hignett, of Middlesbrough, would have graced your ITF side despite a bargain-basement value. But value is much harder to find when it comes to purchasing strikers. Jason Lee, of Nottingactually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership. He would then no longer be eligible for ITF. Any overseas or Endsleigh Insurance League players who move into the Premiership during the season will become available for transfer.

You can make transfers only by relephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 333 331 line during the times given. Calls will be charged at 39 pence per minute cheap rate, 49 pence per minute at other times. If you are calling from the Republic of Ireland, you must call 004 499 020 0631 and you will be charged 58 pence per minute at all times. A player transferred out of

your team must be replaced by a player from the same catego-ry — for example, a full back for a full back — so that the formation of a goalkeeper, two ful) backs, two central defend-ers, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager is maintained.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget and does not contain more than two individuals from the same club. If you are lagging behind

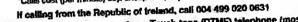
the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the £50,000 prize or the monthly £500 prizes.

With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of The Times, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association. Premiership players have entered sides of their own, and Gary Ablett, of Everton, gives his selection on the opposite page. Like him, you may spend £5 million on Alan Shearer - but will he do better than other cheaper al-

ternatives? All matches in the Premier ship and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs count and your players and manager win and lose you points. With the competition



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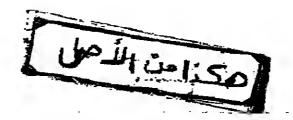
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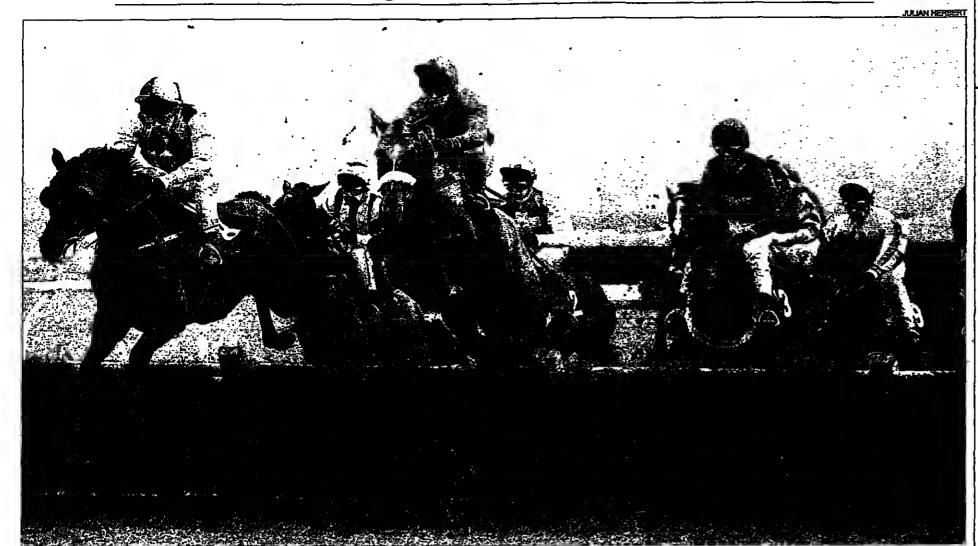
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Exeter shrouded in fog as racing resumes after ten-day break



The blinkered Lisotho plays a prominent part in Pipe's profitable raid on Exeter yesterday by outstaying his novice hurdle rivals in the testing conditions

Pipe's army marches to 129-1 treble

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

SWIRLING fog, which verged on the peasouper at times, could not prevent Exeter relaxing the weather's grip on British racing yesterday - and Martin Pipe took full advantage at his favourite course with a 129-1 treble. David Bridgwater rode all three winners.

After a ten-day freeze-up, which not only halted all racing in Britain but also interrupted the training of many horses, fitness mattered more than ever and Pipe's horses clearly enjoyed an edge as Crosa's Delight, Lisotho and Challenger Du Luc won the first three races in testing conditions - before ever-thickening fog forced the cancellation of the final two races on the card.

"It's been a struggle, but we have managed to keep going. We have had tractors on the go all day long and we been worth the hard work for all the team through the bad weather. Fitness counts," the five-times champion trainer said, adding: "Hats off to Devon and a happy new year to

everyone." The determination of Exeter's racecourse officials to see racing go ahead in difficult conditions was the perfect pick-me-up for a decent-sized crowd which braved the elements, although spectators gained only the occasional

glimpse of action. As the horses walked around the parade ring before the second race, the fog cleared sufficiently to allow a clear view of the home straight. By the time the horses had galloped to the start, the fog had descended to reduce visibility to little more than 50 yards and yet, when the leaders came round the final turn, all was clear

again - briefly. In truth, the conditions were distinctly similar to a New Year's

everything was a haze, interrupted occasionally and unexpectedly by a brief spell of normality, only for the gloom to descend once again. To give an accurate account of how

individual horses ran and jumped would require the powers of Mystic

- RICHARD EVANS

Nap: IRON N GOLD (2.00 Lingfield Park) Next best: Duke Valentino (3.00 Lingfield Park)

Meg. After Crosa's Delight emerged from the fog to win the opening seller, even Pipe allowed himself a tongue-in-check joke. "Always going well," he quipped.

Those brave ante-post punters who have forced the Nicky Hendersonthe Sun Alliance but may not stay at this trip. This horse has got some

gears," Pipe enthused. As for Feel The Power, Kim Bailey reported: "The trip was too far for him. On fast ground, three miles would be all right but on that going he wants 2'2 miles."

Bailey intends being double-handed in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase on Saturday. Book Of Music pleased when he worked yesterday morning and will join Master Oats in the Sandown line-up. However, rid-ing plans remain fluid and hinge heavily on the availability of Jamie

Osborne and Graham Bradley. On a seasonal note, there was insufficient room in the stables for Jackie Retter's four runners, but Purbeck Cavalier overcame spending the day in a lorry to win the Richard Thomasson 21st Birthday Celebration Novices' Handicap Hurdle and provide the local trainer with her first

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unsellin Leaning towards Festival with Pisa expedition Trainer Charlie Brooks tells why he is

treading the same path as Vincent O'Brien

here is nothing new about sending horses to winter in Pisa. Vincent O'Brien, arguably the greatest trainer to study the thorougbbred racehorse, embarked on an historical mission during the winter of 1967-68 to condition Sir Ivor to win the 1968 2,000 Guinas and Derby.

Preceded by an excursion the winter before, O'Brien trusted one of his greatest talents to Pisa. It was a bold decision to commit such a prospect to relatively unknown territory.

Sir Ivor's stay in Pisa went mainly according to plan. A minor foot problem necessitated the attention of his blacksmith from Tipperary. but a greater potential prob tem was the local army base. As Sir Ivor returned from work one day, a helicopter popped up from behind a hedge, causing him to dive into a drainage ditch and deposit his work rider. Vincent Rossiter.

The logistics of such a journey in those days cannot have been easy. O'Brien sent out a team of six horses in December 1967 to stay until the end of February 1968. Rossiter, who is now Tommy Stack's head man, re-called: "We took our own oats and feed supplements but used the local hay in Pisa. The majority of the work was steady but we did plenty of half-speed workouts. We did run a few in France on the way home. While they came out of their races well, they all needed the run."

That was helpful advice for our Italian expedition. Having stayed with Duncan and Candy Sasse, who were training in Pisa at the time, in 1991, I decided that one day I would prepare some horses there for the Cheltenham Festival. So why now, and why anyway? Padre Mio has had a successful but long campaign this summer winning

in Ireland, France and England. He is a quirky horse

lungs to bleed during inten sive exercise Couldnt Be Better is quite an excitable animal and removing him from his normal training environment may be beneficial. Sasse also assured me that low grade respiratory viruses were not the norm in Pisa, as they are in Britain. That would be another good reason for sending him to the sea air.

Breaking the seasonal cycle had to be worth trying. Horses, like athletes, clearly feel the benefit of

training when the muscles are warm. The lack of bumidity also removes the cold, damp feeling. Hopefully, the temperature could be 15 to 20C higher than in England,

No doubt there will be problems. Already, we have been told that Couldn't Be Better will not be allowed to canter in the afternoons. The training area is in the grounds of the President of

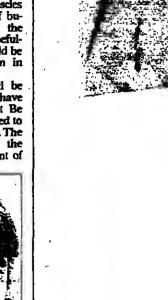


Italy and he doesn't like his siesta being disturbed. Luckily, they change their presi-dents quite often so the next

one may relent. The training ground in Pisa is a beautiful park adjoining the beach. Miles of sand capters and a turf racecourse make up the

facilities. Hopefully, our training plan will deliver both horses back in England, three weeks defore the pestiva

is only one way to find out.



have been galloping late, But this has Day hangover. For much of the day trained Our Kris to favouritism for performance. He will be entered for

Cheltenham off again THE rescheduled National and a decision on any inspec-

Hunt meeting at Cheltenham today has again fallen victim to frost. The course failed to survive an afternoon inspecracing tomorrow. tion yesterday.

Lingfield Park's seven-race all-weather programme is the at Wolverhampton where the only survivor as Ayr had already been called off. But the all-weather racing can go turf track at Lingfield, where ahead. Prospects for later in there is National Hunt racing the week look brighter with scheduled tomorrow, is frozen temperatures forecast to rise.

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the Triumph Hurdle at the Chelten-ham Festival will take comfort from the victory of Lisotho, a former French-trained horse, in the well-

contested Thurlestone Hotel One Hundred Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

On his only other British start, at

Newbury in November, he was

beaten out of sight by Our Kris. However, the feature race of the

afternoon saw the chasing debut of

the highly regarded Feel The Power in the Win With The Tote Novices'

Chase. With the log timing its descent

to cause maximum annoyance, only

three of the 17 fences jumped could be

Apparently jumping well at the head of the field. Fell The Power's

stamina was found wanting over a trip just short of three miles and Challenger Du Luc booked his entry for the Sun Alliance Chase with a

comfortable 12-length success. "It was a hot contest and a very good

seen by spectators.

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LAW

Counselling for counsel

Should the professionals in traumatic trials also be offered extra help, asks David Conn

mmediately Rosemary West was convicted of ten horrific murders in November, the Lord Chancellor's Department (LCD) announced that it would be offering counselling to the jury. If the trial had distressed them, the jurors were told, they could make use of a freephone helpline, consult their GPs or, for the first time, see the department's own welfare officers.

Only days after the offer was made to the West jury, it was accepted; the jurors coming together for a group session with the LCD welfare officers. The department would not com-

ment further on the nature of the session, but Cary Cooper, Professor of Psychology at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, and an expert on stress, explained that short "debriefings" are increasingly common after traumatic events.

Counsellors explain that post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can have a delayed genesis; symptoms may erupt suddenly long after the trau-matic "event". People are encouraged not to bottle up their feelings and are advised where to seek help if symptoms develop.

Lawyers applauded the LCD's enlightened approach. Sacha Wass, Junior counsel for Mrs West, said she sympathised with the jury. confronted with extremely disturbing material. John Nutting, QC, senior prosecutor at the Old Bailey, though not directly involved with the case, said: "I'm not surprised that the poor jury has to ask for counselling."

Yet among this admirable concern on the part of the

January

The annual award for Lawyer's Understatement of the Year is given to Leo Goatley, the solicitor of Frederick West's wife, who said: "She did know he was a rascal. He was not an angel by any means, and he used to get into trouble in one way or another over the years."

lawyers and the faint trace of self-congratulation by the LCD, psychologists were saying that the process should have gone further, to include the lawyers and the judge as well. "Why was the jury sin-gled out?" asked Professor Cooper. "Everybody involved in the case should have some form of help. Lawyers may be more used to dealing with such matters - but they are still human beings."

the Law Society provides counselling facilities. Judges, nominally LCD employees, can consult the welfare officers, but a spokesman knew of no cases in which they had.

rian Leveson, QC, lead prosecuting counsel, took a few days off after the trial but was returning, according to his clerk, to "a full diary". Richard Ferguson, QC, Rose-mary West's lead counsel, began another trial on Novem-ber 28, five days after the West trial, defending a man accused of attempting to murder a policeman. And Ms Wass is

drafting the grounds for West's planned appeal. The judge, Mr Justice Mantell, following his sen-tencing of one of the worst mass murderers in history, was trying Gurman v Allied Mills, in which Mr Gurman was claiming compensation for a bad back he claimed had been caused at work. Professor Cooper considers the absence of counselling facilities to be potentially very

Neither the Bar Council nor harmful, especially in the legal profession which, he argues, is not characterised by an openness about emotion. "Nobody is immune," he said, "PTSD can be triggered

by something personal. A case of child murder, for example, can cause distress to a parent of small children. It may not manifest itself until months later. Someone may suddenly feel anxious or irritable or depressed, and they do not. relate it to work they did

months ago. The purpose of initial counselling is to get it out at the beginning." David Richards, principal welfare adviser to the Gloucestershire Constabulary, which

carried out the West murder investigatioo, confirmed that some police officers involved with the West case had been counselled. In some police canteens, he said, counselling still carried a stigma; but this was changing.

The lawyers' exposure to the West case and the cellar of death at 25 Cronwell Street was, if anything, more detailed than the jury's. An agreement between prosecu-tion and defence had kept some of the worst material from the jury.

Ms Wass commented: "Criminal cases can be harrowing when they involve rape, murder or child abuse. This one concerned multiple instances tif all of them." Everybody, she reflected, had different ways of coping with stress. In her case. within the bounds of confidentiality, she did feel able to talk to colleagues. "I believe," she said, "the Bar is a more supportive profession than you might think."

But Mr Nutting did not think barristers felt comfort-

able discussing personal dis-tress with colleagues, for fear of it being seen as weakness. He had always found it easy to "shut the book" after a case, and was "not convinced" that the Bar Council should pro-

vide counselling. To many versed in psycholo-gy, such an attitude is unrealistic. Professor Cooper pointed out that unrelieved stress can manifest itself in many ways, in alcoholism, depression: even financial problems. "By suggesting counselling, you're not telling people that they can't cope," he aid. "You're informing them of the possibility they may

have problems later." Despite the LCD's enlightened recognition that counselling may help to prevent such problems, there remains a blind pride in the robustness of the legal profession.

The West jurors were dis-charged and told they need never experience such an ordeal in court again. The lawyers had no such freedom; they continued their career. and a long exposure to human depravity.

Innocent or guilty, it's luck of the law

DAVID

PANNICK QC

based on objective principles of law and justice which regulate what we may or may not du to each other and to ourselves. In fact, the law is, to a surprisingly large extent, a game of chance determined by good fortune as much as by good judgment, occasionally influenced, as the school of American realists taught in the 1930s, by what the judge had for breakfast.

In some courts, as accurate a prediction of the outcome may be obtained from Mystic Meg as from a study of Halsbury's Laws of England. This can be frustrating for those who think they have a strong case, reassuring for those who have been advised that they are in the wrong, and exciting for those who have

no stake in the outcome. For those lawyers and judges who cannot tolerate being deprived for the duration of the

Christmas vacation of the potent combination of law and chance supplied by courts up and down the land, Spear's Games has produced an entertaining substitute, You be the Judge: The Game of Real Life Court Dramas (£16.99).

Two players, or two teams of players, take it in turns to read from one of 500 cards, each of which describes in about 100 words the central elements of a civil or criminal court case from one of a number of jurisdictions around the world. The opposing player, or team, then has to give the verdict for or against the litigant identified on the card. If you judge the case correctly - that is, if you supply the verdict which was

given by the relevant court, and is printed on the back of the card — then you may throw the dice to determine how many moves you travel around the board to the winning post.

You be the Judge may not live up to the claim in the promotional material that it is "the game that'll make you flip your wig". But if played after a large, festive lunch, and the consumption of generous quantities of alcohol, the game certainly bears more than a passing resemblance to proceedings in many courts of law.

Judgment is pronounced oo the basis of limited information (the cards frequently tell participants less than they need to know about the facts, the governing law and the date of the case, and sometimes we are not even informed in which country the litigation occurred); the proceedings involve noisy disagreements between all those in court; the verdict of those performing the role of judge is more often wrong than right; the judgment contains

Then they take themselves too seri-ously, lawyers and judges like to pretend that the legal system is inadequate reasoning (the answers on the cards do not always illuminate why the court reached the result described); and it is likely to provoke bad-tempered expressions of astonishment, with accusations of gross incompetence or worse — at least, if the response of my family of two barristers and three barrack-

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room lawyer children is typical. Most of the cases described on the cards are exotic specimens that would not normally be encountered in the course of judicial duties. Was Anne entitled to change the locks to exclude her spouse, Seamus, from their apart-ment because he had not bathed ur changed his clothes for weeks? Did a Hawaii court rule in favour of a woman who sued her astrologer for the return of the fees she had paid him when none of his predictions came true? Was a human cannonball entitled to damages from a local TV station when it videotaped and broadcast one of his performances without his permission? The Lord Chan-

cellor's Department is unlikely to abandon the training confer ences organised by the Judicial Studies Board and substitute regular sessions in which trainee judges are encouraged to play this board game.

The legal system frowns on any overt link between law and chance. In fiction, Rabelais's Judge Bridlegoose decided cases by throwing dice. But those judges and juries who have sought to imitate that example have been reprimanded for undermining public confidence that legal answers depend on evidence and reason.

In 1677, a verdict was set aside and the jury was fined be-

cause, being unable to agree, it had cast lots to decide the case. In 1737, the members of another jury were ordered to at-tend before the court "to be publicly admonished, that the country may take warning" after they decided their verdict "by hustling half-pence in a hat". A Manhattan criminal court judge was barred from office by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct in 1983 for deciding the length of a prison sentence on the toss of a coln. In a 1964 decision in the Court of Appeal. Lord Justice Diplock asserted that a judge

"must not spin a coin" to decide a case. For lawyers conducting a little vacation business. different rules apply. Despite its imperfec-tions, You be the Judge is an excellent late Christmas, or Chanukah, present for any lawyer or judge from assistant recorder to law lord, even those who think that the law has nothing to do with luck, good or bad.

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Canada Dry' and they start at the departure lounge," said a spokes-man. The problem is that if the plane carries enough drink for them, there is insufficient fuel to get across the Atlantic.

> November After dentists decide to call them-

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Patrick Stevens offers a month-by-month guide to some of the real and surreal events that marked out 1995 That was the year that nearly was

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The trauma of hearing evidence such as that given in the Rosemary West trial can affect people for years



WHOSE AID? 30

HOW JPs DECIDE 30

February

The judge who brought his dog to court, prompting complaints from one litigant that the beast's snoring Interrupted the case, starts a trend. Judges find it convenient to bring their pets to court rather than leaving them at home to make messes on the carpet. Barristers try to curry favour by bringing poop scoops to court and showing interest in the judge's hamster.

March

City solicitors each donate £5,000 worth of legal work to worthy causes. A spokesman says: "This means a charity can have up to five hours of one of our trainee's time." Lucky recipients include Haringey female applicants for pupillage, the Society. Banned terms include:

women's keiuge (advice on now to minimise tax on overseas earnings), Boating for the Disabled (advice on ship mortgages) and the National Trust (advice on demolition of listed buildings).

April The Law Society warns solicitors against being involved in fraud. "It's easy to get sucked into it," says a spokesman. The fraudsters offer enormous fees for very little work and it is very tempting." A clarification is issued after most solicitors think the Law Society is referring to

estate agencies.

May To stop sexual harassment of



HEARD THE ONE ABOUT

Bar issues a code of conduct. forbidding pupilmasters from offering sex in return for pupillages. Solicitors also move to improve standards after unprecedented slanging matches in the

elections for president of the Law October

"Termagant" is allowed after resay gives cohabiting couples the search shows that the majority of same rights as married ones. The solicitors think it is a kind of Daily Telegraph worries about the prospect of "politically correct judges" and what they might gel up to with the new legislation. One solicitor comments: "We're not Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, accepts a judge's explanation that he did not take guaranteed legally correct judges, so a politically correct one would be cannabis or cocaine before, during

a definite advantage." Matthew McCloy, a solicitor who practises in Newbury and is also chairman of the British Horseracing Board, was "restrained" with plastic handcuffs after belping himself to an extra drink on a transatlantic flight. This was followed by his arrest at JFK airport The Lord Chancellor agrees to have on the ground that he bore the

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same name (mougn pres not the same appearance) as a Jamaican wanted by the police. Airlines have anxiously reviewed their policies regarding lawyers and inflight drinks. "They're used to doing as they are told and they only have to read the slogan 'Drink

DOES POLITICALLY CORRECT MEAN I HAVE TO VOTE TORY?



sion has to decide what its members shall be called. Barristers reject "Your Beatitude" as being difficult for some clients to master and settle for "Your Lordship." Solicitors gu for the traditional option of "Yo" for senior solicitors while newly qualified solicitors will be addressed as before with the phrase, "Big Mac and fries, please".

December

After the Maxwell jury gets three weeks' holiday for Christmas, other juries seek similar privileges. Trials around the country grind to a halt as juries demand hampers and a Christmas bonus.

British lawyers working in Paris showed the Dunkirk spirit when a series of strikes against the Government brought most of France to a standstill

or after sex with two prostitutes.

The consensus (of judges and those

who wish to become one) is that

such behaviour, though unaccept-

able in a magistrate, does not

disentitle a judge from trying

How to survive during the French revolution

ife is returning to nor-mal for those British lawyers based in Paris who have been suffering the effects of weeks of French strikes. They are now recover-ing from sbutdowns in transport and the post, and upsets in other sectors, all of which disrupted the daily management of lawyers' offices.

When the stoppages started, it did not take long for British lawyers to adjust to these straitened circumstances. Harvey Chalmers, the local managing partner of Simmons &

QUEEN'S COUNSEL

ARGN'T YOU GLAD I DRAGGED YOU AWAY FROM THE LAW

FOR A WEEK, DARLING?

have had our backs to the wall, but we coped wonderfully." One firm, Norton Rose, is producing a commemorative sweatshirt for those who saw active service in its Paris office during the strikes. Two other English law firms have been boasting of the dedication of their secretaries, who were walking for four hours in the morning to reach the office, going out. and four hours back home in the evening, in order to beat the lack of public transport

INT IT BREATHTAKING ?

EXTRAORDINARY !

Simmons, says: "The Dunkirk spirit soon surfaced. We may The effects of the strikes on the practical management of offices such as Clifford Chance and Simmons & Simmons was considerable. One firm reckoned that it had cost almost E8,000 in extra expenses for overnight hotel stays and taxi fares. Post office strikes and the transport shutdowns meant that no cheques were coming in - and no invoices

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Yet most firms doing international transactions managed to maintain their normal

workload. Fax and e-mail were unaffected by the strikes and their continued use meant that the lawyers' international clients could still receive written communications - and that France Telecom earned a lot of money.

Banking lawyers went to meetings by bicycle rather than by taxi, and the wheels of high finance continued to turn. Work bours were shifted. For example, the day did not start until llam and ended later in order to avoid the worst of the traffic jams.

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In Los Angeles, in the wake of the earthquake, many law-yers "commuted" from home by computer to their networked offices. But in Paris, very few British lawyers based there have adapted to

that way of working. Mr Chalmers says: "We've been considering the possibility of linking up lawyers' homes to the office for some time, but have not got around to doing it. The strikes, however, have made us think about it more urgently."

Deborah Clark, a partner at

Norton Rose, says that the volume of work accomplished actually increased because colleagues were arriving earlier and leaving later. But, she adds: "I have to say that I see no effect on business confiings. She says: "Many of our clients had a lot of practical dence in France. I specialise in international asset finance and there is no indication that this work has been affected." Harder hit, perhaps, were those firms doing mainstream commercial work, such as Fidal, the legal arm of the accountants KPMG. With could be bad for the French about 1,000 lawyers, of whom investments are held back. a quarter are based in Paris, it is the largest law firm in France.

Workers protest against cuts proposed by Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, below Kristin Defert is an interna-tional mergers and acquisi-tions lawyer with Fidal. During the strikes, many of ing changes to employment law. "If the Prime Minister is successful," she says, "France will become more attractive her overseas visitors were

forced to cancel their trips to

Paris and deals were stalled as

people could not get to meet-

problems on their minds

because of the strikes, and

therefore deferred visits to

Her view is that the strikes

economy in the short term as

The real issue, for her, is

whether the Government can implement its reforms, includ-

their lawyers."

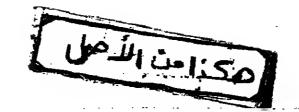
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for overseas investors." Klein-Goddard is the French wing of Theodore Goddard. Jean-Yves Martin, a partner in the French firm, says the strikes were "not perceived as a problem" by the business community. However, French people in

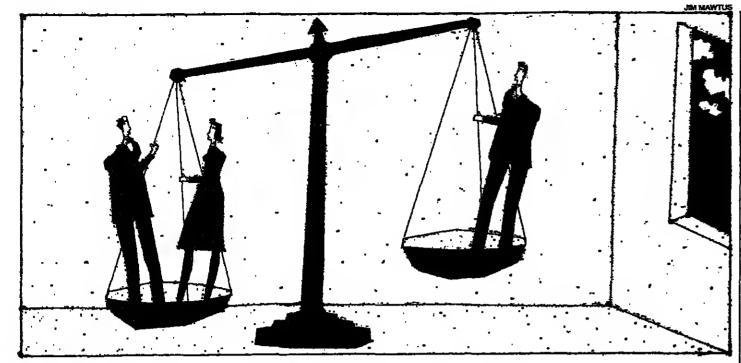
general are not forming opin-ions until they know whether the unions, after their negotiations with Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, will decide to strike again this month.

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Consider your verdict

That happens when magistrales reore lo decide a case? Every magistrates' court has a "reoring room". No, it's not somewhere where pensioned-off JPs browse quietly among dusty papers, but a room in which lay magistrates consider their verdict and/or sentence, (Stipendiary magistrates have their own rooms.1 They do this without assistance. although they may ask the clerk to give them advice on the law. Apart from this, the clerk takes no part in

the decision-making. After the defendant has pleaded "Not guilty" and prosecution and defence evidence has been heard, it is neither practicable nor desirable for magistrates to discuss the pros and cons of the evidence in open court. Hence the use of the retiring room, where privacy is ensured. Such is the importance attached to this privacy that every effort is made to ensure that only one bench of magistrates is in the room at any one time: ie, there is never any cross-input between different benches. Even royalty is excluded from the retiring room, as one royal visitor found out when he was politely told during an official visit to a court that he couldn't "listen in" to a bench discussing a case that he had been following in court.

When the three magistrates reach the retiring room, the chairman will, without indicating any

How do magistrates reach a verdict? Derek Edmunds talks out of court

view on the guilt or innocence of the defendant, ask the least experi-enced magistrate whether, on the evidence, he or she finds the case "proved" or "not proved"; whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty. After the other magistrate has given his view, the chairman will give his. If the views are unanimous, the magistrates return to The JPs will the court to announce the verdict. If, howthen start a ever, the three views are not unanimous, a structured more detailed study of the evidence will be decision made: all three magistrates discuss the evi-

dence they have heard. If the verdict is still split 2:1 after this discussion, and the chairman considers that further discussion will not change this, that is how it is left. The magistrates then return to the court, where the chairman announces the verdict. No indication of whether or not the verdict is unanimous is ever given. If the verdict is "Guilty", then the

magistrates will be given details of any previous convictions. The magistrates will, however, ignore "old" convictions and "irrelevant"

convictions. For example, if the defendant has been found guilty of assaulting a police officer, a previ-ous conviction for, say, speeding would be ignored because it is not a

"violent" offence, The Bench may then retire a second time to consider the punishment. The Magistrales' Association is-

sues guidelines giving "entry points" for most offences: for example. custody for assaulting a police officer; a fine for careless driving. This time, therefore, discussion in the retiring room will centre on process' the appropriateness of the "entry point" pun-ishment, which can be

modified for many reasons; eg, first offence/long conviction record or offence committed on impulse/premeditated. As before, the chairman will lead his colleagues through a "structured decision process" which will review the available punishment options.

At the top end of the scale are those sentences that "restrict personal freedom", such as a custodial (prison) sentence or a Community Service Order (CSO), under which

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munity. At the bottom end is an absolute discharge, whereby the magistrates agree that no punish-ment is necessary. Between the two limits lies a punishment that is appropriate to the offence, which may, of course, be modified by "minimating circumstances" such "mitigating circumstances", such as when the defendant has expressed remorse, or has pleaded "Guilty" at the earliest opportunity. Should a prison sentence or CSO be considered appropriate, the magistrates will almost certainly ask for a pre-sentence report (PSR). If that happens, the case will be adiourned for the probation service to prepare the PSR. When it is received, a final visit to the retiring room will be made to consider its contents and decide the punish-ment. If requested by them, the same bench of magistrates can deal with this, but the court rota system usually means that a different bench passes sentence.

the defendant works for the com-

Hearing the case in open court is only one part of the judicial process: an objective and unbiased discussion of the evidence presented by both sides is essential if a correct verdict is to be reached by magistrates, and a fair punishment imposed. The retiring room enables such a discussion to be carried out by magistrates in complete privacy, with the freedom of expression and independent thought that such privacy brings.

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Is client-chasing for civil cases costing the taxpayer too much?

artyn Day's objectioo to the Lord Chancellor's, Lord Woolf's and the Legal Aid Board's belated attempts to control the expenditure of civil legal aid (see "A Win for the Goli-aths?", The Times, December 5, 1995) fits like a glove with his and his firm, Leigh Day & Co's propen-tive to expenditure and liticate of the sity to campaign and litigate, often at the British taxpayers' expense. That Mr Day and his colleagues

feel that their approach is for their clients' and the public good is be-yond question. Whether or not they and other plaintiffs' solicitors, some of whom are more robust than Leigh Day & Co in seeking out clients, are blinkered in their clients' and their own professional and fin-ancial causes is worthy of debate. What motivates law firms to seek out personal injury claimants and even, in some cases (but not Leigh Day's), to buy the names of accident victims from middlemen? Is it really irrefutable in an era of Cinzens Advice Bureaux, neighbourhood law centres and a press keen to expose injustice and to encourage to expose injustice and to encourage redress, that there is a large group of potential claimants who but for campaigning lawyers would not recognise their right to pursue claims? Can they owe a duty to clients whom they do not yet have? Are they wholly uninfluenced by the business benefits to them of multi-alignific fitteration funded by multi-plaintiff litigation funded by

the public purse? This shopping for clients whose causes are often paid for by the British taxpayer is not confined to these shores. Richard Meeran, a partner in Leigh Day & Co. has also complained about his firm's failure

to persuade the English courts that it should be permitted, with the benefit of English legal aid, to run an expensive claim against a UK headquartered multinational corporation arising out of an accident suffered by a Scot while resident

Leigh Day & Co is not alone in seeking to run claims for foreigners who might nevertheless qualify for legal aid support to pursue cases in the English courts. Freeth Cartwright, one of the leading law firms in tranquilliser litigation in Eogland, tried — in vain — to run several individual claims by New Zealanders on the basis that legal aid for such claims was not available to them in their own country.

Leigh Day & Co. as one of the very best of specialist plaintiffs law firms, has enjoyed many notable successes, but to claim, as Mr Day does, that the "failed on all counts" group action, brought on behalf of childhood leukaemia victims around the Sellafield nuclear plant, has been a triumph for British

Who loses in the legal aid stakes?



Lord Woolf: belated attempt to control costs of civil justice

justice in giving the weaponry to the Davids to take on the corporate Goliaths, breathtakingly overlooks the fact that the hopes of the claimants and their families were raised and dashed, using immense amounts of public money. No mention, of course, of the justice of those claims having been refused by an experienced judge after all the available evidence had been considered.

To suggest that the estimated E30 nullion of taxpayers' money spent on tranquilliser litigation is accept-able simply because not all group actions succeed, glosses over the question of whether that and other unsuccessful actions should have been run at all or withdrawn sooner. Certainly, no regard appears to have been paid to the report published in May 1994 by the Legal Aid Board distancing itself from any blame over the millions in public funds spent on funding the 13.000 tranquilliser claims that were subsequently found not to be

worth pursuing. The board pointed its finger at our civil justice system and procedures (as if neither it nor the solicitors it was funding appreciat-

ed the obstacle course that lay ahead of them), and at some of the

plaintiffs' solicitors involved. Of them, the board said "there is no incentive on the solicitors to act as a responsible filter for dubious cases, as there is no effective sanction available to the funder, the board. for shoddy work or for bad cases being taken. The board has to rely being taken. The board has to reav on the assisted person's legal advisers to act responsibly and competently... clearly, these types of actions are generating lots of weak or hopeless cases." Among the factors which it quoted as the dato to cause this weat

 The fact that a number of these claims have been publicly generated, either by solicitor advertising or by the media.

 What can only be described as a "bandwagon" effect: plaintiffs and legal advisers getting carried away. by everything surrounding the action and losing sight of the viability of individual cases.

There must be some boundaries to the concept of access to justice. Some controls must be exercised over those whose partisanship might otherwise cause them to over-commit to their own pet causes. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Woolf, and even the Lord Chancellor's Department are trying their best not to tilt civil legal aid towards or against plaintiffs or defendants. They are undoubtedly fed up with professional litigators writing and acting on their own script and, in some cases, paying only lip service to the Legal Aid Board as funders. As I can testify from personal experience, no private enterprise, whether the corporate Goliath or an insurance company, or an individual paying for his or her own representation, fails to apply a costs-benefit test before decidios whether to embark on or defend civil litigation. This means that their regular solicitors know that they will not be thanked or retained again if they are less than prag-matic about the merits of this or that case.

n the tranquilliser litigation, I am in a position to know that neither major corporate defendant was taken by surprise about the extent of their exposure to successfully spent defence costs, whereas the £30 million-plus bill now confronting the Legal Aid Board seems not to have been wholly expected.

Beware the special pleadings of those who might have a vested interest in the unlimited funding of litigation.

DAVID A. MCINTOSH • The author is senior partner of Davies Arnold Cooper, which has acted for defendants in such cases.

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To £65,000

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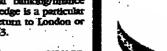
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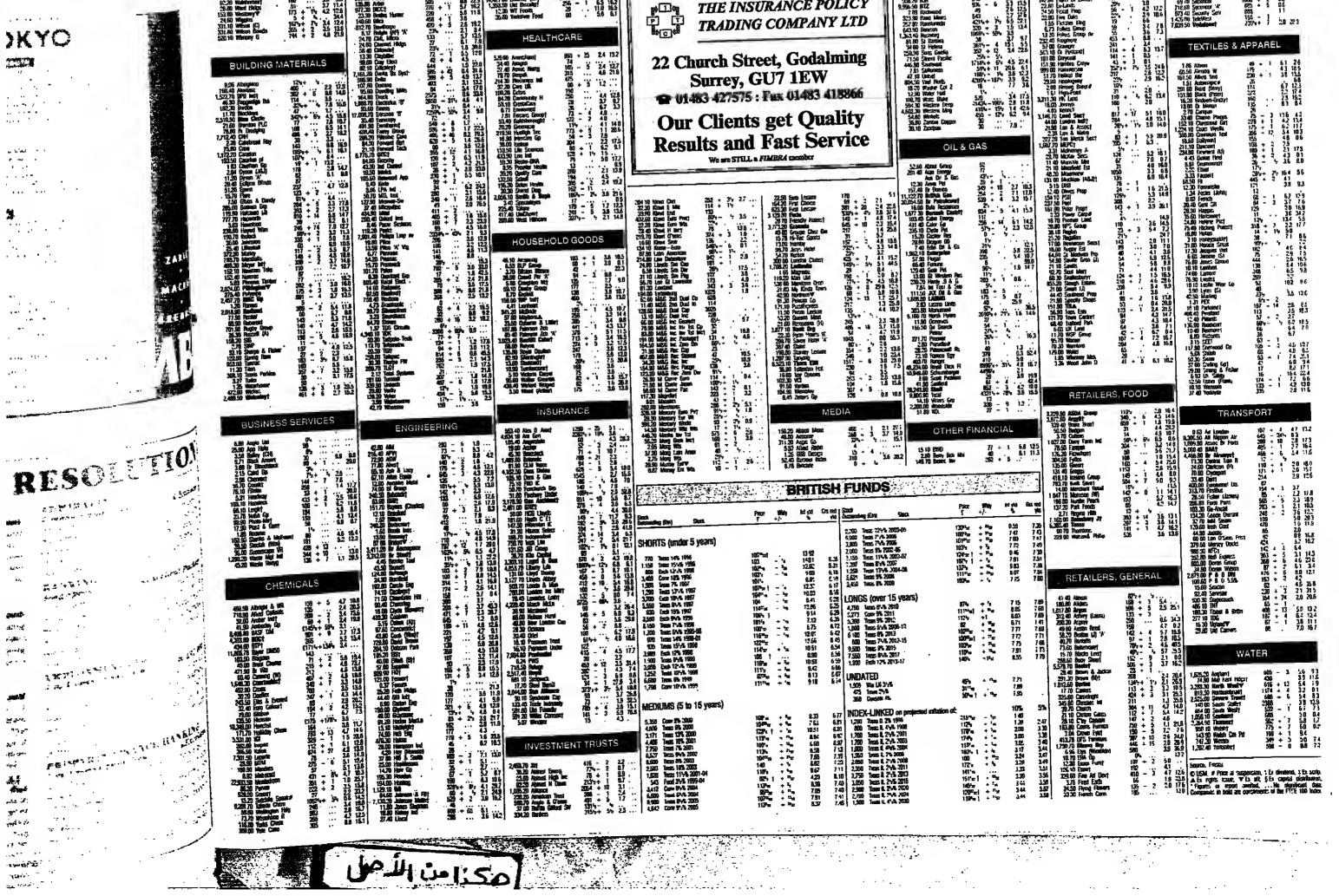
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Late bills law would hurt small companies

BY BRIAN COLLETT

A LAW that would allow interest to be charged on bills that are paid late would damage small business, says a new study. At-tempts are being made to persuade legislators to businesses a statutory right to add interest to late payments. The Forum of Private Business

regards slow payment as the biggest obstacle to small business development and has lobbied for a legal right to interest.

lan Peters, head of National Westminster Bank's small business services, is also making the case at the European Commission round table on small enterprises.

The stark contrast is in the findings of a study from the credit management research group of Bradford University's manage-ment centre. The study fou od that credit was part of small business common practice and that the larger companies would benefit most from a statutory right to interest

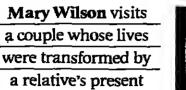
Professor Nick Wilson, the study team leader. whose chair at Bradford is sponsored by the Institute of Credit Managemeot. said: "The smaller businesses we looked at were very reliant on their credit. When we asked companies who were paying them late, it was predominantly other small companies."

Large companies, bowever, have the resources to build latepayment penalties into their systems and would gain from a statutory right. They are also more able to settle their bills on time. "The instrument woold not be advantageous to the people who need it most," said Professor Wilson.

He found it worrying that organisations that were working for small enterprises insisted on the legislatioo. Instead, proper financing was needed, possibly more venture capital, to put business on a surer footing and speed up payment. Professor Wilson said. The main problem is that smaller businesses are starved of long-term credit. It is not a surprise that they are stuck in a hole.'

The Bradford team is cooducting another study of credit

Beavering away at imports from the dining table



hen Sarah Akin-Smith saw the present from her sister - a highly polished cast aluminium beaver - she hardly imagined that a couple of years later she would be selling them in their hundreds to stores such as Harrods, John Lewis and Liberty, She said: "I was so taken by the sculpture that I contacted the Canadian company and offered to become their exclusive UK distributor. James, my husband, had his own business. He helped a bit, but basically 1 ran the company from our dining room in Fulham, west London, for the first two years.

"Life was fairly fraught at the beginning. We originally saw it as a sideline. We had a target to pay the first lot of school fees and get a holiday out of it. We never envisaged that the business would take off as it has."

Most people have to battle to have their products accepted by big stores, but the Akin-Smiths, who live in Dorset, seem to have fallen on their feet. "My first contact with John Lewis was to ring up a buyer. tell her what I had and send a catalogue. She was so excited, she rang back the day she received it and put in an order," she said.

They think they have been so successful because they had never been in retailing and so could offer a fresh, even naive approach. "We ust loved the product and I have become friends with all the buyers I

deal with," said Mrs Akin-Smith. A year ago, a friend of a friend, the sales director of a Hong Kong porcelain company, arrived on the doorstep. "I thought it was a social call, but she arrived. armed with photographs of their plates and stayed for an hour and a half. While I looked at the photographs, she changed my baby's nappy." Mrs Akin-Smith was asked if she

could sell them here and a deal was struck. The china is hand-painted with an unusual amount of detail and small business and is due to and has len coats of lacquer giving report either this month or next. depth and body to the finish. "I



Sarah and James Akin-Smith, whose range of giftware is now sold in several top London stores

Commission's Competitiveness

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sources of funds have been among

the more common inquiries at

Business Link City Partners which

covers the City, Hackney and

Cloiin Barnett, operations man-

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gave her some ideas about designs and we had to Westernise them quite a bit, but they are more efficient than any European company. In all the thousands of plates, we have never had a piece of china broken, they are all packed so well," she added,

Sixty per cent of the turnover of Sarah Akin-Smith - which is also the name of the business - is now the porcelain. the remainder the aluminium ware. The corporate

□ More than 60 per cent of small businesses believe Britain's economy is in decline or not recovering, according to the Office World quarterly business survey. That is double the number a year ago. The survey found that fewer firms were reporting sales increases or creating jobs.

Support for innovative small and medium-sized businesses is one of four priorities to help to reduce unemployment in the European Community set out in the second report of the European side is burgeoning, too, with Zurich Insurance and Pinnacle Insurance, for example, ordering items in their thousands for promotions or corporate gifts. The first year turnover was £3,000, the next £50,000 and this

year it will be well into six figures, and it could easily double or treble, with just a few orders in the pipeline taking off," said Mr Akin-Smith. But for all this, they intend to keep the company small. They

work six days a week and several evenings. A sister-in-law has the space and time to run the storage and distribution of the business in Northamptonshire, and they do the rest. "We still rope in packers from the family. But we do not want to expand and start paying large salaries. The bulk of the business is done by fax and phone, we never leave our mobile behind, even when we take the children for a walk on the beach."

BRIEFINGS

is promoted to general manager.

He spent 33 years in senior roles in

banking and managed operations

at the county's enterprise agency

before joining Business Link when

it was set up 12 months ago. The

one-stop shop has received more

A litigation support panel has

been formed by the UK 200 Group

of chartered accountants. Lawyers

than \$,000 inquiries this year.

Asian community. On the initiative of Mr Aziz, a series of symposiums, aimed at small and medium-sized Asian enterprises, are being held around Britain with three main objectives: to increase awareness of practical help available from local agencies, such as training and enterprise councils and government depart-ments; to enable successful Asians

shows many are failing to adopt

more profitable trading patterns

cessful Asian-led international

management consultancy, says:

"We have the inclination, the urge,

must lift our sights to the main-stream and to the new global

to tell their stories and act as role models, and to highlight opportu-nities in the UK, the single European market and emerging central and East European markets. In 1996, symposiums are to be held in Blackburn, east London, Birmingham, Leicester and Peterborough, The events are partly sponsored by

the Government. While the Asian community is diverse, it has many common traits. These include a capacity for hard work and strong family culture. The latter can bring constraints: a wife or brother or nephew may not be the

acting for small businesses in such

expert member of the panel for

Kingston upon Thames, southwest

London, is offering a free day's

business counselling, worth £250,

also be requested.

Asian business pressed to get a new image and go for growth By VIOLET JOHNSTONE

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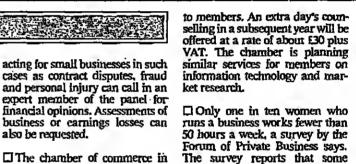
for the University of Central Eng-land, Dr Monder Ram found that BRITAIN'S Asian business community is being encouraged to go for growth and shed its image of in many cases the harmomous family enterprise was a myth. He the family-run corner shop. More than 50 per cent of Britain's independent retail outlets are "Often, autocratic male says: bosses are evident." owned by Asians, but research

conducted, only two out of 15 businesses were "break-out contenders" who showed entrepreand to enlarge their business. Suhail Aziz, managing director of Brettonwood Partnership, a sucneurial motivation, had genuine growth aspirations, wanted to upgrade products or develop new ones, paid attention to human resources or were willing to consider relocating.

to run our own business, but we One of the two exceptions was in engineering, where the owner had worked in a large organisation and knew how to delegate and buy management skills; the other was a business run by two women manu-facturing top-quality ethnic foods. Young generation Asians are most likely to break out, but cultural ties remain strong. One researcher said: "Even those who get a business administration master's degree are often sucked back into the old family ways."



"I've already broken my new year's resolution."



The survey reports that some women put in between 60 and 80 hours, and two thirds work weekends and bank holidays.

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Market in gilt-edged repos opens for business

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

the Government.

THE new market in gilt-edged "repos" begins today, with great hopes at the Bank of England of new dynamism in the British government bond market, greater liquidity and, therefore, lower borrowing costs for The Bank announced in February of the new repo system.

Other leading foreign bond marthat it was setting up a market in gift kets already operate repo systems and have a higher proportion of repos, bringing the British govern-

Businesses

expecting

bumpy start to new year

By Phillp Pangalos and Janet Bush

it growth in 1995. As a result,

business confidence is at its

lowest since the Lloyds survey

A confidence index, based

on expectations for order

books, sales and profitability

for the next six months, was

eight points lower than six months ago. In addition, for

the first time since the survey

began, there has been an

increase in those reporting

cashflow problems and a

The survey showed a growth in order books, with 43

per cent of companies report-ing higher orders, compared to 17 per cent reporting lower

orders. However, there were fewer companies reporting

higher orders, and more re-

porting a fall in orders. The

construction and retail sectors

saw the slowest growth in

order books, while manufac-

turing and hotels and catering

Michael Riding, director of commercial banking at Lloyds Bank, said: "Although busi-nesses say they feel less confi-dent then our months ago

dent than six months ago ...

order books are actually con-

tinuing to grow, although at a

lower rate than at the peak of

However, Mr Riding added:

While they are still experienc-

ing growth, they are having

difficulty in coming to terms

with managing a low inflation economy. This, coupled with

cration in consumer spending.

The private forecasters said

the cycle in 1994."

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THOMAS Locker Holdings,

the engineering company,

faces growing opposition to

the proposed reverse takeover

by Pentre Group. John Carr, the largest single

shareholder in Thomas Lock-

er with almost 23 per cent of

the ordinary voting stock, is

calling on other investors to

vote against the £7.5 million

purchase of privately-owned

slowdown in export orders.

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BRITISH businesses remain

cautious on prospects and are

braced for a burnpy ride as the

harsh economic climate con-

tinues to restrict profit growth,

and gloomy forecasts predict a

slowdown in exports and

A survey by Lloyds Bank

says that businesses are find-

ing it difficult to accept and

adapt to a low inflation cli-

mate, with growth below ex-

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cashflow difficulties sapping

The twice-yearly survey

which polled more than 2,000

businesses in November and

December, shows that many

were disappointed by slower

than expected growth in order

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Daiwa Bank

plans for

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BY OUR CITY STAFF

JAPAN'S scandal-hit Daiwa

Bank plans to plea bargain

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Asahi Shimbun reported

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ment bond market up to date with other highly successful markets such overseas investment in government bonds than the British market. The as the Treasury bond market in Treasury estimates that it could America. Sterling has rallied, in the eventually save £25 million a year in admittedly thin trading period bepublic spending for every one basis tween Christmas and new year, partly traders say, because of additional interest among foreign inves-tors in the British gilt market ahead

point off gilt yields.

A repois the sale of a bond with an agreement to repurchase it at a fixed price and time in the future. In effect, one party lends a certain amount of

gilts to the other in return for cash. The cash a player gets in return for gilts can be used to finance trading in

other kinds of instruments. As things stand, holders of gilts can lend gilts in return for a lee but, unless they are authorised gilt-edged marker-makers, they are not allowed to borrow stock and therefore take out short positions in the market. In the new market, this facility will be available to institutional investors.

The innovation of the new gilt repo market will, it is hoped, provide not only more liquidity for investors in British government bonds but a

more flexible instrument for traders in different financial instruments. With a much larger than expected forecast for the public sector borrowing requirement next year, the Bank is under ever greater pressure to make the gilt market attractive to investors

In the Budget, the Chancellor forecast a PSBR of £22.5 billion for the forthcoming tax year compared with £16 billion predicted in the Treasury's summer forecast.

UK pension funds surge to enjoy a vintage year BY MARTIN BARROW

UK PENSION funds surged ahead in 1995, with annual returns of t9 per cent reflecting strong advances in equities and bonds.

Funds recovered strongly from their poor showing in 1994, according to the preliminary annual survey by The WM Company, tracking the performance of more than 80 per cent of the UK pension fund market. Despite the setback in 1994, pension funds have averaged more than 15 per cent each year compared to retail price inflation of about 3 per cent. Over 20 years, average returns have exceeded inflation by about 7 per cent.

UK equities provided a return of 24 per cent, a figure exceeded only by the United States, where equities recorded returns of 34 per cent. The 1995 average return from Japanese equities of less than 2 per cent highlighted the recent roller coaster behaviour of the Japanese market.

However, over a five-year period, UK equities, with in water returns of more than 16 per cent, have been beaten by every leading overseas equity region with the exception of Japan, WM calculates. Europe returned 17 per cent, North America 20 per cent and the Pacific, excluding Japan, 27 per cent. Japan trailed badly at 11 per cent. Falling worldwide interest rates fuelled the performance by bonds. Returns on UK bonds of 15 per cent were overshadowed by foreign competition, with uverseas bonds seeing returns tif 21 per cent. Property, a star performer in 1994, recorded a disappointing return of 5 per cent. WM said hedging activity lso increased in 1995, with

managers varying their expo-

sure during the course of the

year. "This was particularly

apparent in the Japanese mar-

ket, with many managers

hedging between one third and two thirds of their yen

BUSINESS NEWS -33

Labour puts energy into power reform

Christine Buckley on the opposition party's widest-ranging policy review

Gen and National Power are

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American companies move

having just one regulator

served by a panel of advisers.

Such an arrangement would

address some of the prob-

lems uf fragmentation and be a suitable response to a

converging energy market.

There are no easy answers

to power regulation which

demands a tricky balance of

takeovers in the utilities were ver the next few established. While Powerdays, letters from a range of industrialists and academics will begin out of the frame having a to drop on the office doormat dialogue with the Monopolof Margaret Beckett, Labour's Trade and Industry ies and Mergers Commis-Secretary. in." The answer could lie in

The letters will be ruplics to invitations to join one of Labour's widest ranging. and arguably one of its most important, policy reviews. Labour has begun work on a shake-up of the regula-

tory framework covering Britain's energy. With the input of a variety of industry specialists, the party is starting to sculpt what it will implement.

satisfying customers with lower bills and better service. Orchestrating the task is John Battle, the recently serving up growing dividends for shareholders; and appointed Shadow Minister delivering a decent tax refor Energy. He is almost evangelical about the challturn to the Government. But there is a growing urgency enge that lies before him for answers. Labour will hardly have believing the present regulatory structures governing time to wipe its feet on the electricity, gas and water to doormat if it enters governbe in a mess and to be incomprehensible to the consumers who buy the services.

"Regulation so far has failed the **6** Regulation customer. Certainly it has so far has on price but also in failed the other ways. in the sum customer mer we had the farce of on price and the electricother ways 9 ity distribuoon review.

Ofwat has largely stood back and watched things happen. saying that it couldn't intervene. We've had a hell of a lot of complaints about gas. All in all we've not had great satisfaction. The regulators seem tu be stuck on the price furmula. They may be strug-gling to maintain a fair price formula but meanwhile we are just not getting the customer back-up that we in crisis. He has repeatedly had before."

Regulation. says Mr Battle, has proven a scrappy affair that has not responded effectively to the takeover frenzy which has transformed the industry in the space of a few months. He condemns the referral of the

bids by National Power and

PowerGen to the Monopo-

lies and Mergers Commis-

sion while other takeovers

such as those by North West

Water of Norweb and that by

Welsh Water for South

Wales Electricity received no

scrutiny in spite of the fears

from consumer groups over

one company providing two

should have been referred so

that the ground rules for

All of the initial bids

ment in t997 before full competition in the energy market erupts the following year. The big bang in 1998 wil plunge power into a wholly different world as internati onalisation of the mar ket gathers pace. Mr Battle is not saying who over the next

few weeks will start to provide those answers when the regulation review gets fully under way. It is certain, however, that a key figure will be Dr Dieter Helm, the Oxford University energy strategist who pro-voked the anger of Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, when he declared that regulation was

> criticised the pricing formula clamped on utilities which caps prices at a level related to inflation - RPI-X. A punishing windfall tax, that was much vaunted several months ago, may now not be implemented or at

lied in a mild

ion. Labour is mindful of the

overseas earnings capacity

of the utilities and the bene-

fits they could have on the

Mr Battle adds: "We

would want to support that.

They would be bringing

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benefits back to Britain.

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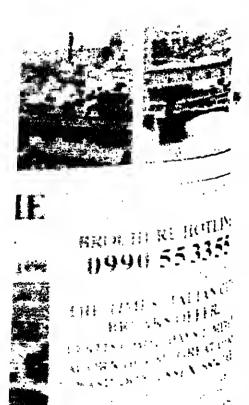
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case to a settlement by the end of March, when it closes its books for fiscal 1995, the newspaper quoted a Daiwa

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ufficial as saying. It also quoted a senior official of Sumitomo Bank, another leading Japanese commercial bank, as saying that it planned to start talks with Daiwa In April at the earliest on a possible merger after the conclusion of the plea bargaining.

that spending should pick up a little this year and then grow more strongly in 1997 in in November, the US Federresponse to larger tax cuts than most assume will happen Reserve expelled Daiwa in next year's Budget. But Bank from the United States there will be a weaker contrifor allegedly trying to disguise bution to growth from net \$1.1 billion in losses due to trade as world economic activfraudulent US Treasury bond trading by a trader at its New York branch. Sumitomo has ity slows and British imports recover from the unusually agreed to take over the US slow rate of growth early in operations of Daiwa and hint-Cambridge Econometrics ed at the possibility of a merger

between the two banks. Asahi Shimbun said that assumes that investment will pick up this year on the expectation that projects Daiwa Bank was expected to under the Government's Priplead not guilty to the fraud charges, in its documents to be vate Finance Initiative will fill submitted to US regulators on much of the gap left by cuts in public capital spending. January 8.



1995, despite a modest accelexposure," said Peter War-The New York exchange in Wall Street was the only market to outperform UK equities rington, a director of WM.

EMERY

Locker faces fight over Pentre

BY MARTIN BARROW

as Locker is capitalised at E3 million. Pentre, established in 1988, manufactures reels, drums and specialised machinery for the wire and cable industry. If

change of control without paythe deal goes ahead, Philip ment of a bid premium. Gartside, the chairman, will Thomas Locker has net cash, become chief executive of the but Pentre is burdened with enlarged Thomas Locker, and heavy borrowing, the conse-Michael Seymour will be quence of its acquisioon-drivmanaging director. the post en strategy, Mr Carr says. he holds in Pentre. Finally, he claims that the

Pentre at an extraordinary However, Mr Carr is advismeeting on January 10. Thoming shareholders to reject the that the deal would link two businesses that do not fit. proposal. He says that the acquisition overvalues Pentre Mr Carr, who is advised by and undervalues Thomas KPMG Manchester, emerged Locker and will involve

Indian telecoms setback

as Thomas Locker's largest single investor in May after buying shares from three relatives of the founder. He is also opposing the terms of the proposed enfranchisement of Locker's "A" ordinary shares, claiming that investors are not being adequately compensattransaction costs are high and ed for dilution of voting rights.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

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(b) A male cook. Corruption of the Hindi bawarchi. "And every night and morning/ The Bobachee he shall kill/ The sempiternal Moorghye,/ And we'll all have a grill." GOMPA

that."

(c) A Tibetan temple or monastery. An adaptation of the Tibetan gön-pa a solitary place or hermitage. "A gompa, one of those religious establishments whose walls housed more than a fifth of Tibetan males." DUNNAMANY

(a) A colloquial form of rendering "I don't know how many" or "I don't know how much." Rudyard Kipling, Puck, 1906: "The Pharisees just about flowed down the beach to the boat, I dunnamany of 'em."

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Gilts exceed expectations

Total returns from gilts in calendar 1995 (allowing for inflation) were In the top quartile of those recorded over the past 77 years. This was not the expectation at the start of the year. Then, consensus forecasts expected gilt yields to be broadly unchanged over the 12-month period. They also expected inflation to average 3.3 per cent and a PSBR for the fiscal year of £21

billion. The inflation outcome has been virtually spot on this expectation. A higher PSBR can be accounted for by economic growth undershooting expec-

tations by 0.8 per cent. It is therefore difficult to account for this performance, looking at the main domestic economic factors. A more convincing explanation lies overseas, for it is in Germany and particularly the US that bond performances have been much better than expected. It is also here that economic growth proved to be much weaker than forecasters envis-

aged a year ago. The net result has been strong performances from all bond markets, but the spread of UK yields relative to those elsewhere has tended to widen. The surprise factors in the UK were clearly not as great as those on the Continent or in other Anglo economies. This is itself a surprise, since more of an emphasis is being placed on the impact that demographic factors are having on government finances. The potential consequences to government

deficits of having unfunded pension schemes was well illustrated in an OECD analysis published last summer. The United Kingdom's position is extremely favourable since we have tackled this particular problem by encouraging private-sector pension provisions

Even though only half the population is covered by these schemes, the pro-jections for future budget deficits in the UK are considerably more favourable than in most other OECD countries. Why has the gilt market not yet reflected



this relative advantage? The main answer is that it has been preoccupied with concerns about the current budget deficit (especially in the run up to the Budget). This is understandable.

At the start of this decade, the underlying or cyclically adjusted budget deficit was approaching levels not seen since the mid-1970s. Although the overall deficit reduced through the 1980s (recording a surplus during the economic boom of the late Eightics), the underlying picture was one of deterioration. Hence by the start of this decade, we were faced with a fiscal position that was as great a concern for the current administration as the one faced by Labour politicians two decades ago.

On both occasions, fiscal policy had to

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be put into reverse, and the past three budgets have had one thing in common, namely, aiming to restore the underlying budget deficit to a more sustainable position. On current trends, this struc-tural deficit should be down to 2'2 per cent of GDP in 1996. This represents considerable progress from three years earlier when an underlying deficit of 6 per cent was recorded. It also represented a reassurance that political pressure to produce exceptional tax cuts was resisted in November's Budget.

However, the projected deficit is still higher than those expected for the US and Germany next year, and still a long way from the norm of the 1950s, when the underlying deficit was in balance. The relevance of this last observation lies with the fact that the average inflation rate in the 1950s was almost the same as that recorded so far in the 1990s. The underlying deficits, however, are very different.

Expectations of further progress are also influenced by the outcome of the next election. Labour politicians are keen to emphasise their desire to pursue credible fiscal policies, but markets still require a risk premium to reflect their concern. The net result is that it seems unlikely that much progress will be made in the months ahead to reduce the spread of gill yields over other leading nations.

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This morning, Sir Rocco Forte will announce the final ele-I ments in a surprisingly im-pressive defence against the £3.2 billion takeover bid mounted by Granada's Gerry Robinson. The outcome will still depend on how far Granada is prepared to raise its offer and what its own shareholders think of that. When Mr Robinson

launched his offensive, however, he surely did not expect so vigourous a response. Forte's plans would give immediate returns to patient shareholders, concentrate the business on hotels, improve finances, give up low-return investments that owed more to family pride than hardnosed judgment and accelerate restructuring of the hotel business.

Whatever the outcome, that package shows the value that takeover bids can bring shareholders. Sir Rocco might have done most of this anyway. But the stately progress of years has been crammed into a programme drawn up and presented in weeks. Who knows whether such drastic action would be best for the long-term future of the business, or whether speed is always a virtue. If investors' demands reflect economic efficiency, however, the ability of outsiders to challenge incumbent

management is plainly valuable. Even Wall Street, home of the takeover bid, was impressed by the merger boom that hit London in 1995. Swathes of industry - such as pharmaceuticals, investment banking and electricity supply -- are being restructured at an amazing

or the past two years, Charles Lamb Allen

has beld two jobs, one

official and one secret.

The official one was chief

executive of Granada Television; the other was heading

the undercover team that was

examining Forte in minute

Forte, the international ho-

tels and restaurants group pieced together by Lord Forte

and now run by his son, Sir

Rocco, had struck Allen as a

possible acquisition target.

Through Sutcliffe Catering, a

Granada subsidiary, he had

had dealings with Forte's ca-

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water, food, retail banking, insurance, leisure and construction. Relatively few, however, will revolve round the issues of management at the centre of the Granada/-Forte affair. More will be vehicles for restructuring industries in change. Even more will be driven by purely financial motives - tax gains or conglomerates buying companies with low-rated profits. But most takeovers will simply be a low-risk

lower. Likely industries include

form of expansion. Last year's takeover boom was accurately predicted by thinking stock market analysts. The corpo-rate sector was becoming more flush with cash and unused borrowing power than ever. But fearful company boards would not risk new products, new factories or outlets for fear that they would misjudge markets, spend more than they



budgeted, or find that the economic recovery was petering out. Easier to expand by buying another business. Sure enough, takeovers boomed while capital investment disappointed, fulfilling the prophecy that growth would peter out. The main objection to the Anglo

Saxon takeover system is that bids now substitute for risk-taking investment. If the colour of the Government changes, that will in-fluence its policies. Hankering for continental consensus will go together with promoting capital in-

vestment as a "good thing". Many company bosses will there-fore press ahead with their more

Eric Reguly on the secret mission of Charles Lamb Allen, the Granada TV chief

controversial takeover plans this year, while the free-market going is good. Oddly, however, the continental approach has already been given a fillip from an unlikely quarter. Ian Byatt, the water regulator.

Water monopolies are tipped as a target for takeovers this year. This morning will see the debut of United Utilities, formed by merging Norweb with North West Water. Weish Water has agreed a similar takeover of Swalec, its equivalent electricity utility. Mr Byatt wants to ensure, however, that his charges do not become minor parts of faceless glomerates. He is pressing the Office of Fair Trading to make Welsh Water keep a separate stock market quotation for Dwr Cymru, its water utility. He has, somewhat optimistically, asked United Utilities continentals with the legal and

to do the same after the event. Mr Byatt's motives are evidently varied. He fears it might be easier for smart conglomerate financiers to pull the wool over his eyes. More fundamentally, he reckons that top managers spend far too much time on other activities, to the detriment of their water businesses. If the water utilities had to be separatequoted companies, they would have

to have independent boards and separate management that focused on its own business. This thinking strikes at the heart of the Anglostrikes at the neart of the Angio-Saton concept of takeovers, of integrated management and cash flows, of bosses who crack the whip and allocate resources to divisional managements round their empire. In retrospect, it might have been better for consumers if water and electricity companies had been made permanently takeover proof, avoiding the rush since their golden shares expired. Peer competition proved so good a spur that none of the utility takeovers has yet featured critiques of "poor" management. Mr Byatt cannot put the clock back and rewrite the privatisation regime. Separate-quoted companies with outstanding 25 per cent public holdings would not work in the British context. Investors rightly hate owning minority stakes, so they are lowly rated. And the British are far more concerned than are relaxed

accounting niceties of inter-company dealings and control. Continental industrial empires that rely on pyramids of control and leave minority investors in the cold are obsolete. We don't want them here. Most of the benefits now associated with takeovers might nonetheless be achieved far more cheaply and accountably by powerful shareholders, looser federations of businesses, joint companies or asset swaps. The takeover bid is the most over-used tool in business.

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Uneconomical . tunnel vision

Consequences. Radio 4, 7.20pm.

Consequences. Kunto a. Leopm. I do not think this four-part series will please politicians cursed with an inflated opinion of their social or economic know-how. Future topics to be given rough treatment include the politax and care in the community. Tonight it is the masterminds behind the Channel Tunnel who come in for some stick. What began as the dream of enthusiasts is now a fact of life. Peter Jay suggests how, as an economic fact of life, the tunnel's accounts could now be looking bealthing. He is not the only one to say tonight that the big mictake healthier. He is not the only one to say tonight that the big mistake was to rely entirely on the private sector to finance the project. It was an undertaking, he says, that cried out for the public sector to be its sponsor and, ultimately, its financier.

Crimescapes. Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.

Amsterdam and Janwillem van de Wetering are the first city and resident crime writer to be linked in Leslie Forbes's series. Amsterdam would seem to be a safe haven for wrongdoers. Wetering says that everything is tolerated in the city provided nobody else is hurt. Presumably, that is why improvisation is permitted on a church's carillon. Amsterdam has another claim to distinction. Ask a dog what the nation's crime prospects are and he will bark his reply. Wetering does not believe people are good or bad. All offenders, he says, eventually "calm down". I wonder how he squares this philosophy with writing crime novels. - Peter Davalle

WORLD SERVICE

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Children of Our Time. Jeremy Summerly summarises the

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The man with Forte in his sights range from London Weekend Television and a TV rentals business to the George V hotel in Paris and Happy Eater

> buyers for the bits of Granada, such as the Savoy group and other "trophy" hotels, that Granada considers vanity operations. It said it would sell about £500 million of Forte assets and there is speculation that Allen and Robinson are preparing to unload much

The very heart of Forte, the pressed. "It gave us the feeling luxury Meridien hotel chain, it was not a well run commay top that list. Meridien, He and Gerry Robinson, acquired by Sir Rocco last year Forte's chief executive, thought for £280 million, has 53 hotels in 35 countries making it the group's top international brand. Granada, however, is they could run Forte better themselves and they may get their wish. On November 22, Granada launched a £3.3 bilnot keen on them because the lion hostile offer for Forte. Barring a counterbid, Granahotel management-contract business in the high end of the market has become exceedingda will know by the third week of January whether it has won. ly competitive. Meridien, in spite of its far flung portfolio,

Allen, who replaces Robinson as Granada's chief execuis a bit-player by international tive in March, is already standards and may have to go.

roadside greasy spoons, sounds intimidating. But the combined group would not be nearly as big as it is today. Lazard Brothers, Granada's financial adviser, is lining up



Charles Lamb Allen of Granada TV beaded the undercover team that examined Forte in minute detail

ever since.

The Times 1000 Companies

asking "What would you real-

ly like for Christmas?". Sorrell

quipped: "Another 1 per cent improvement in WPP's mar-

gins and bowling Clive Lloyd - again." Cedric Brown of

British Gas opted for "a white

Christmas", while Jeremy

Marshall of De La Rue, the

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making plans. He has prepared a list of senior Forte managers he wants to retain to help him to run the company. "There are a couple of people there that could be lead players," he said.

Running Granada and Forte, whose interests would

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THISTLE HOTELS

Forte remained confidential insults, allegations and gener- couldn't afford one, so I went his cue from Robinson, who Allen won't say how extenfor so long. Initially, a core al mud-slinging. Granada and sive the disposal programme group of three was assigned to will be. But he said he plans "to move forward quickly" in gathering intelligence. Late last winter, it expanded to 12 reshaping the company if Grapeople and by May the decinada wins the takeover battle. sion had been made to go He has had two years to plan ahead with the bid. Allen his moves and is astounded explained that Granada might that Granada's designs on have moved faster if it hadn't taken time out in 1994 to buy LWT for £770 million and integrate it with Granada TV. Allen figures that several hundred people - Granada insiders, financial advisers, bankers, accountants and the like - knew about the upcoming bid by the autumn and still no word leaked out. Forte suspected that Granada might be ready to make a move but

thought it might go after Pearson, the owner of the Financial Times and Penguin books. It was stunned that its target was a hotels company instead of a media concern. Why did Granada wait until November? Allen claims the company wanted to announce the takeover attempt on the same day as its annual results. Launching the bid late in the year had another advantage, he said. "It would give us a few days off over Christmas so we could have a break." Indeed, after a month of

Forte declared a ceasefire. Things will be relatively quiet until today when Forte publishes its final defence document. Granada will then have one week to revise its bid. Merrill Lynch, the investment firm, said: "The contest looks evenly balanced at present. An increased offer is likely." A Granada victory would

cap a remarkable career for Allen, who turns 39 on Thursday. He is a fair bit younger than his peers and, even more remarkably, has no TV experience. Yet he runs the biggest TV business in the country and hangs around with the likes of Cilla Black, Michael Barrymore and the cast of Coronation Street. The son of a hairdresser, he

was born in Lanark. His father died when Allen was 14 and his mother supported the family by taking a job as a waitress in a British Steel dining room. British Steel seemed young Charles's destiny as well. Instead of going to university, he joined the com-pany as an accountant trainee. His salvation was the breakdown of his car. "That was a key motivation for me," he said. "I needed a oew car, but to a company that offered me had pushed David Plowright, the well-liked Granada TV one." That company was Gallagher, the London cigarboss, out the door a few ette maker. Three years later, months earlier. in 1982, he joined Grand Metropolitan in London and Allen, affable and energetic. proved them wrong. He did landed in its international not do what most new bosses

do. Instead of bringing in new division, based in Saudi Aramanagers, he kept most of the For more than four years, he existing team in place and travelled the Middle and Far switched around their jobs in the belief that employees who East. "At one point, I had 38 different nationalities working are not performing well are for me," he said. "I learned poorly directed and not neceshow to deal with different sarily incompetent. people and different cultures. Taking a genuine interest in TV production also won him People have different logics."

It was in the Middle East kudos. Allen likes to read that he met Gerry Robinson, scripts. He went through the who was then chief executive pilot Cracker scripts and deof Grand Metropolitan Intercided that the show, as disnational Services. The Irishturbing and violent as it was, man hired Allen to run Grand could be a hit.

Met's Compass division and they have been inseparable The two led Compass's management buyout in 1988 and its flotation, which made them both millionaires, a year later. In 1991, Robinson brought him into Granada. Televison was a whole new environment for Allen and the creative minds at Granada were terrified that an accountant boss would be disastrous. They were sure he would take as a real opportunity," be said.

He has been well rewarded for his successes. Allen, who is not married, has a townhouse

just off Kensington High Street and a 40ft diesel cruiser Brigadoon. He does not consider himself a workaholic. Allen has proved remark ably adopt at managing differ ent businesses and does not expect many problems in taking on a hotels company if Granada wins Forte. "I'm not intimidated by this; I see this

CITY DIARY joined the bank's corporate finance department in 1989. and although only 33, he has already had an action-packed life. He has spent nearly five years in the Terri-Lions and Liquorice 11.30 Medicine Now, with Geotf torial Army and has a passion Watts 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Harlinge Quiz, with Sue MeaGregor, Christopher Cook, Hunter Davles, Philippe Gregory and Martin Wainwright 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One (FM, LW) 1.40 The World at One (FM, LW) 1.40 The World at One (FM, LW) 1.40 News; Thirty Minute Thestre: The Pricet Hole. Alun Owen's last play is set in Speke Halt, Liverpool, and was commissioned to for diving. Last year he made more than 50 dives in some of the greatest diving locations, although perhaps his greatest plunge - from where his nickname springs - was at Waterloo station. There, in the middle of the concourse, Russell decided to "have a go", coming to the aid of a Tie Rack manager in pursuit of a

ficcing and arm-flailing thief. His action was praised by the judge at the subsequent trial, who ordered that Russell be COLIN CAMPBELL

Paul Gambeocini, Bach (Orchestral Sulle No 2 in B minor); Rechmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor)) Musical Encounters, Bach (Sel Lob und Preis); Debussy (Syrind); Mozart (Obce Concerto); Schubert (Nahe des Gelisberte); 10.37 André Previn conducts Protofiev (Violin Concerto No 1: Kyung-Wha Chung; LSO); 11.02 Schubert (An den Mond; Auf dem See); Mozart (Rondo); Schumann (Symphony No 4: Chamber Orchestra of Europe) Summerly summarises the Synthetic Age and meets the music police in 2045 5.15 Fairest fels Songbook, Iain Burnside talks to the composer Geoffrey Burgon about his song cycle, Almost Peace (r) Andrew Motion on the effects of the First World War, with music by Parry, Elgar, Gumey, German, Butterworth, Bridge, Vaughan Williams and Howells (4) Charmber Orchestra of Europe) 2.00 Composer of the Week: Egar, Penny Gore talks to the conductor Flichard Hickox about Egar's choral works and the influence of his Roman Catholic background. Serenade, Wand of Youth Suite No 1; Oh, my warriors, Caractacus; The Dream of Geronitus, excerpts, Judas scene from The Apostes; The Sun goeth down, The Kingdom (f) 1.00pm News 1.05 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Pinchas Steinberg performs Strauss Howells (r) 7.30 Amsterdem Mahler Festival. Mahler's Symphony No 10; Das Lied von der Erde

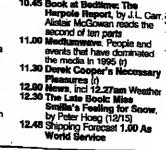
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bang but with a miaow. The cat said she had to die." spat the following the death of wife and curiously named Spinny towards mother, Anne. The car, as l the end of last night's The Ruth Rendell Mystery: Heartstones (ITV). Oh yes? Bit slow with the tinopener, so why not just push her off the cathedral scaffolding? I think not.

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7.00 BBC Breakfast News (92405598)

9.05 Global Gatecrash: India (s) (4757918)

10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6643024)

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3.05 Timekeepers Ouiz (s) (5144821)

5.00 Newsround (Ceetax) (4873043)

10.30 Good Morning With Anne and Nick (s) (68579)

12.00 News (Ceetax) regional news and weather

12.05pm Pebble Mill Guests are Latitia Dean and

2.50 Regional News (13622666) 1.00 One O'Clock

1.50 Banacek. Project Phoenix. With George Peppard

understand it, was not implicated Calways very punctual with my meals was Anne"). Canon Crossland's wife had succumbed to cancer, although there was the definite suggestion that her demise might have been accelerated by Actually, the fact that one teenage daughter was talking to psyher husband and family doctor

acting in cahoots. chopathic cats came as quite a Certainly that was what the relief. Until then, I had been under me)odramatically-inclined Elvira the impression that her sister, believed. "What are you saying. Elvira, was turning into one. "You're growing fur!" shrieked the Elvira?" asked her younger and housekeeper, who had just seen a impressionable sister. "I'm saying ... that Luke and Dr Trewynne plate of sandwiches tossed away poisoned her." With dialogue like by a strangely hairy forearm. "You need help." She needed help? What that, I'm not surprised Spinny turned to the cat for company. about us? We had been watching As I understand it, that and this for an hour-and-a-half and it much of the subsequent plot was getting sillier by the minute. turned out to be seenage delusion, the exploration of which is an And yes it had all started so

vice employed was to make us believe that it was Elvira who was responsible for the second death. that of Mary the medievalist, who had supplanted her mother -- and indeed her - in her father's affections.

I wira made a convincing red herring. There was her name for starters - when did vou last come across an Elvira who was a goody? (Mind you, if we had known that Spinny was short for Despina ...) What else? She was anorexic (hence, apparently, the fur), nursed suicidal tendencies and, when not playing sadly on the piano, enjoyed translating Virgil. She also harboured a precocious knowledge of things pharmacological. How many teenagers of your acquaintance can hold forth authoritatively about the dosing lev-



els of dimorphia? What -- most of

an over-leisurely plot. Piers Haggard, the director, secured two splendid performances from his juvenile stars, Emily Mortimer as Ehvira and from his own real-life daughter, Daisy Haggard, as Spinny. Anthony Andrews played their father. Luke, apparently bor-rowing both performance and

suddenly getting all the romantic leading men?

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Earlier, the BBC had given the clearest indication yet that, after the success of Pride and Prejudice and The Buccaneers, it is going to be bosoms with everything in 1996. Still, Red Riding Hood mit cleavage was a bit of a surprise. But then this was Roald Dahl's Linle Red Riding Hood (BBCI).

From the flames and playing cards of the opening niles ta teanime slot presumably ruled out the dancing naked lady - underwired early scenes will have confused as is one thing, unclud quite another]. many adults as it will children. it was clear that we were in for another of the author's tales of the H itself, BBC2 decided that the unexpected. So it proved, with Dah! providing all manner of mists and turns until the moment with music, a decision that met with varying degrees of success. when Linle Red Riding Hood

The woodland sets were beauti-

for reasons best known to

new year should be marked

arach turned out in the 1960s. With his music now back in vogue, there was no shortage of stars queucing fully created, as was the furry cast up to pay homage, including Noel using the animatronic gadgetry Gallagher of Oasis who seems to that seems to be all the rage - you have appeared on every musical know, eyes that move, ears that tribute programme I have seen in waggle. Franz Weiser-Most steered the London Philharmonic through the last three months. Soll, at least Paul Panerson's wonderful score we discovered where he got his and was rewarded with the drivehaircut from. He was a dead ringer for Cilla Black circa 1963, on part of Linle Red Riding Hood's chauffeur. My only criticism was struggling to find what it was all that the piece seemed stretched at about with this Alfie. "Alfie? You 45 minutes and that the ponderous call your dog Alfie."

By contrast, the best thing about Arena: The Burger and The King was its title. Elvis Presley are a huge amount of junk food and died a very fat man - end of story as far as 1 am concerned, and no amount of lancy editing and funny recipes was going to change my mind. Fried peanul butter and banana sandwiches? Yuk.

Burt Bacharach ... This is Now was a melodic delight and a highly Unlie Walters, who also played Grandma) was facing certain CARLTON

6.00em GMTV (2200208) 9.25 Win, Lose Or Draw (s) (4746802) 9.55 London Today (Telejekt) (5629444)

- 10.00 The Time ... The Place (s) (1493640)
- 10.35 This Morning (57634550) 12.20pm Regional News and weather (6785289) 12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (6082111)
- 12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6067802) 1.25 Chain Letters Game show with Vince Henderson (Teleterd) (32426647)
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 - calls takes its foll on the stability of a family (Teletext) (5) (4937)



Godfrey Evans and Branda Blethyn (8.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

6,35 amThink Tank (I) (5373173) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (81753) 9.00 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (r) (4774685) 9 25 Bahylon 5 (Teleter LLS) (7137662) 10.20 California Dreams (r) (1037918) 10.45 Biker Mice from Mars (7360005) 11.10 Mork and Mindy (r) (s) (9860289) 11.40 Dog City (r) (5815956)

- 12.00 Creepy Crewlers (n) /3653918(12.20pm Terrytoons (6776531) 12.30 Sesame Street (\$0376) 1.30 Ovide (76579598)
- 1.55 Notes A young classical musician strikes up an Unlikely (nendship /64796937)



Giamorous Betty Grable is on song (2,15pm)

- 2.15 FILM; Tin Pan Alley (1940) A richly melodic musical the score won an Oscar for Allied Newman) With Alice Faye, Betty Grable, Jack Oakle and John Payne Directed by Walter Lang (387550)
- 4,00 Backdate, Valene Singleion hosts the new quiz (Teletext) (40)
- 4.30 Countdown (Teleterd) (s) (24)

5.00 The Montet Williams Show. Montel challenges

guests to stick to their resolutions (Telefent) (s) (9979208) 5.50 Murun Buchstansangur (670983) 6.00 The Avengers, Steed (Palrick Macnee) and Emma (Diana Rigg) fight to prove their innocence after they

are tramed for murder II) (Teletext) (95640)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teleted) (636821) 7.55 The Slot (953444)

8.00 Wild Britain. The bramble, sometimes known as the mulbarry bush in East Anglia, provides load and sheher lov a variety of wildtife including shails, slugs, caterpillars, small mammals, birds and bees. With Roll Hams (I) (Teletext) (s) (2579) a.30 Brookside. Bev throws a party for Ron, Jacqui has an unexpected visitor and Gary plans a imp (Teleterd) (s) (4314) 9.00 ER. American hospital drama series (r) (Telefext) (s) (36655192) 10.40 Sex in a Cold Climate. Women meet for an Ann Summers party and the chance to buy goods ranging from lingerie to sex aids (r) (s) (426289) 11.25 Nurses. American black comedy. (Teletext)(485192) 12.00 Naked Sport: The Big Pitch A look at the \$25 billion business of American tootball (r) (Teletext) (5) (48845) 1.00em The World of Hammer Frankenstein films (r) (Telelext) (5) (91425) 1.30 Say Hello to the Real Dr Snide. Dr Snide is Archie's cat and when things go wrong. Archie (Ralph Brown) can blame the cat. There is a problem, however -- Dr Snide doesn't exist. First shown in the 4-Play season of short dramas (r) (7078574) 2.35 FILM: West of the Divide (1934, b/w) Classic, early John Wayne western. Our hero joins a band of outlaws to track the man who killed his parents and kidnapped his infant brother. Directed by Robert N. Bradbury (7992048). Ends at 3.35

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3.30 Ants In Your Pants (s) (1448192) 3.50 ChuckleVision (s) (1468956) 4.10 Free Willy (Ceefax) (s) (6463739) 4.35 Take Two (Ceetax) (s) (363227)

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5.10 The Demon Headmaster. (Ceclax) (s) (7024734)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (361208) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (79) 6.30 Regional News magazines (31)

7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando checks out a package holiday to Kerala, southern Inclia, Richard Wilson enjoys what Mexico has to offer, and Paul Gogarty reports. from Halkidiki in Greece. Plus Monty lighthouse in Llandudno (Ceetax) (s) (3821) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (43) 8.00 Great Ormond Street. Stories of the young patients of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Threeyear-old Joshua Whymark is the only person in Britain diagnosed with PNP, a very rare immune deficiency, and his only chance is a bone marrow transplant (Ceetax) (s) (9869) Next of Kin Sit-com about again. With Penelope Keith and William Geunt (Ceefax) (s) (8376) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceelax) regional news and weather (2314) 9.30 The Peacock Spring. Concluding the drama from Rumer Godden's novel, set in India in 1959. With Peter Egan and Jenniter Hall. (Ceefax) (s) (87869) 11.00 FILM: The Mean Season (1985) starting Kurt Russell and Mariel Hemingway. Thriter based on Leon Piedmont's novel which explores the themes of news creation and maniputation. A Miami journalist strikes up an uneasy partnership with a serial killer who calls him after each murder he commits. As the journalist's involvement with the overall story increases, so does the danger to him and his girlfriend. Directed by Phillip Borsos (Ceefax) (350043) 12.35am Weather (6715154) VARIATIONS

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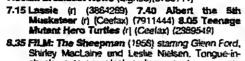
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BBC2

7.00am Breakfast News (Signed)(6733111)

cheek western in which a sheep rancher runs into trouble when he is victimised by a local big shot. Directed by George Marshall (5845598) 10.00 Playdays (s) (8642395)

10.25 Fil.M: Johnmy Angel (1945, b/w) starring George Ratt, Claire Trevor and Hoagy Carmichael, A psychological thritter set in New Orleans, Directed by Edwin L. Mann (6222734)

11.50 The Fugitive (b/w). (Ceetax) (9068208)

12.30pm Working Lunch (45163) 1.00 Spot (7) (73705289) 1.05 Juniper Jungle (7) (5) (28537289) 1.20 On The Throne (7) (1767666)

2.00 1996 World Protessional Darts Championship from the Lakeside Country Club Includes at 3.00 and 3.55 News and weather (5878585)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Teen comedy (s) 6.25 Heartbreak High. Drama series about the staff and

students of an Australian inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (238918)

7,10 The Ren and Stimpy Show. A double episode of the cult cartoon senes. (Ceetad) (s) (918753) 7.30 Local Heroes. (Ceelar) (s)



Mickey Clarke, Liz Barcley, Tony Monts (8.00pm)

8.00 Pound for Pound (9181)

Local Heroes BBC2. 7.30pm

CHOICE

spectacles he looks like a boffin, if a slightly dotty one, while his gaudy pink and yellow cycling gear ensures he will never be lost in a crowd. He first greets us from Clifton Suspension Bridge and fools us by not talking about Brunel. Instead he enthuses over the bright ideas of one Sarah Guppy, including an all-purpose breaklast cooker that makes tee and toast and boils an egg. Funny that it never caught on. More seriously, Hart-Davis salutes Edward Jenner, the Gloucestershire doctor who invented vaccination. For those who

Providing much the same service as Radio 4's Money Box, though in a more popular and flamboyant style. Pound For Pound is a new series on personal finance. Some may find that the style gets in the way of the substance and some of the items are more for entertainment than instruction. An example is giving £100 each to a stockbroker and to a trio of sixth formers and challenging them to double it in five weeks. Against that, there is a solid investigation into the extended warranties that stores are so keen to offer us on electrical goods. The advice is to be wary. And as the first tax-free Tessas mature, the programme asks whether the child born five years ago of John Majors only Budget should be loved or abandoned.

BBC1. 5.10pm

The Demon Headmaster

Adam Hart-Davis on the pioneer trail (BBC2, 7.30pm)

A lively little series on pioneers of science and invention owes much to the extrovert personality of its presenter, Adam Hart-Davis, With his grey hair and do not know the story, it is a surprising one.

Pound For Pound BBC2. 8.00pm

Matthew Bond

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8.30 Food and Drink. Sustenance magazine. (Ceelax) (\$).(6918)

9.00 FILM: Victim of Innocence (1990) starting Chery Ladd, Anthony John Denison and Mellissa Chan. A drama about the pressures on a Vietnam veleran and his wile when he brings his Vietnamese daughter to America. Directed by Mei Dormski (1685)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (435937)

11.15 1996 World Professional Darts Championship Highlights (s) (541531)

12.15em Weather (9306319) 12.20 Fills: Milou in May (1989) starting Michel Piccoli, Miou-Miou, Michel Duchaussoy and Harriet Walter French comedy set in 1968 about a 60-year-old

man living a peaceful fife in the country with his mother, But her death causes him much pain. It also signals the arrival of his rapacious family. Directed by Louis Malle (860241). Ends at 2.05

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which for their parents may have encopy echoes of a totalitarian state. Icily played by Terrence Hardiman. the power-mad head uses his powers of hypnosis to command absolute obedience. Not for nothing is the school motio: "Forge a single will out of the will of many." But this funior version of 1984, adapted by one children's author, Helen Cresswell, from the novely of another, Gillian Cross, is more entertaining and less oppressive than it sounds. The focus is on the resistance to the tyrant, led by a small and heroic band of pupils including two brothers and their newly adopted sister. The trio's kindly Mum is played by Tessa Peake-Jones of Only Fools and Horses.

A twice-weekly drama for children is set in a school

Outside Edge

ITV. S_Ripm After an above-average Christmas special in Corfu. Richard Harris's sincom is back home pitching stumps for a new series. The setting may be a cricker club but newcomers who hate the game can be assured that what goes on off the field is as important as what happens on it. What Harris gives us, essentially, is another variation on men behaving badly. Male chauvinism still rules, and particularly on Saturday afternoons. The awful Roger and his mousy wife, brilliantly played by Robert Daws and Brenda Blacker and Brenda Biethyn, are comedy creations of the first rank and the support is formidable. A real cricketer, Godlrey Evans, turns up tonight to open the new pavilion. You can be sure there is many a hiccup. Peter Waymark

8.30 CHOICE Outside Edge, (Teletext) (s) (3444)

- 9.00 FILM: Lethel Weapon (1987) stamng Mel Gibson and Danny Glover An undercover policeman, disturbed by the death of his wife, teams up with a stable family-man partner to bust up a drugs nng run by a murderous gan of CIA-trained killers. Directed by Richard Donner (Teleted) Continues after the news (5753)
- 10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Telelext) (71937) 10.30 London Tonight (117799)
- 10.40 FILM: Lethal Weapon continued (Telelexi) (9304194)
- 11.45 FILM: The Last Dragon (1985) A martial arts adventure stamnog Taimak, directed by Michael Schultz (903802)
- 1.45am Endsleigh League Extra (7905203)
- 2.30 FILM: A Jolly Bad Fellow (1964). Saurical drama about a brilliant but unhinged professor who develops a toxin that sends its victims into lits of laughter and then kills them without uace Starring Leo McKern, Janet Munro, Maxine Audley and Duncan MacRae. Directed by Don Chattey (83777) 4.00 Cowboys In Skirts -- The Making Of Rob Roy (r)
- (28154) 4.30 Dead Men's Tales: To the Last Gasp. Reconstructions of disasters and miraculous escapes (85369406)

4.55 The Time ... The Place (r) (s) (1052319) 5.30 ITN Morning News (34796). Ends a) 8.00

> School Bus (61227) **12.30pm** Gammy (18869) **1.00** Global Guts (59192) **1.30** Visionaries (22240) **2.00** Children's BBC 111444) 3.00 Pel Shop (1024) 3.30 Teenage Tuntes (3111) 4.00 The Felats (9918) 4.30

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BID OVERKILL 34 GRAHAM SEARJEANT ON THE TROUBLE WITH TAKEOVERS

BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

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Warren: he will contest the action

(DTI) is poised to start disqualification proceedings against Frank Warren, the promoter behind some of the biggest names in professional boxing. The attempt to ban Mr Warren, 43, from serving as a company director, follows similar action against Terry Venables, the England football team coach. Proceedings

are due to begin next month. The move by the DTI follows a four-year investigation, and is linked to the London Arena, the ill-fated Docklands sporting and entertainment venue that collapsed in 1991 with debts of more than £20 million. Mr Warren had a 70 per cent stake in the London Arena, and suffered substantial losses when the receivers went in. The venue reopened in 1994.

was informed by the DTI last month that it intended to start disqualification pro-ceedings against him. Mr Venables denied any wrongdoing, and said he would fight the action.

The London Arena, on the Isle of Dogs in east London, opened in 1989 with a concert by Duran Duran, and went on to host other big names, including Pavarotti. But the venue never lived up to expectations, and collapsed under the weight of its debts. Creditors included Landhurst Leasing, the controversial loan company that collapsed in 1992 with debts of £121 million. Landhurst exploited its links with Damon Hill, Johnny Herbert, and other names in British sport, to persuade banks to advance millions in loans

including £180,000 to finance a Frank Sinatra concert at the London Arena. The arena also received more than £830,000 in loans from Landhurst.

In August 1993, Melvyn Hague, a director of Arena Developments (Europe), was banned for three years under the Company Directors Disqualification Act. Similar proceedings were reported to be under way against Mr Warren, who was a director of Arena Developments (Europe) and other associated companies. Mr Warren said he had at all times protected the interests of creditors, employees and shareholders.

The DTI investigation extended beyond the London Arena to encompass Mr Warren's wider business dealings. Mr

62.6 million. Investigators unravelled a string of disastrous deals that resulted in massive losses and writedowns.

Mr Warren was unavailable for comment yesterday, but has previously said that he would "stremously contest" any action by the DTI. The DTI does not comment on individual cases.

In November 1989, Mr. Warren was shot by an unidentified gunman outside a theatre in Barking, east London. Terry . Marsh, the former boxing champion once managed by Mr Warren, was charged with attempted murder but acquitted. A long stint in hospital made it difficult for Mr Warren to devote much time to his businesses.

His was a classic rags-to-riches tale. Mr.

branched into business, renting vending machines to pubs, then fell into boxing

machines to pubs, then tell mito boxing after a friend encouraged him to bet on a fight. By the 1980s he was a millionaire. Today, Mr Warren has 20 boxers on his books, and enjoys a profitable association, with Don King, the extrovert American promoter. The pair hope to bring Frank Bruno and Mike Tyson together for a title alach in the suring clash in the spring. Almost 5,000 directors have been

disqualified since the Company Directors Disqualification Act came into effect in 1986. Peter Clowes, former head of Barlow Clowes, is one of only 24 people to have been barred for the maximum 15 years, Robert Miller, former head of Dunsdale Securities, received a ten-year ban in 1991.

Labour may merge watchdogs BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

LABOUR has launched a sweeping review that could lead to the offices of water, electricity and gas regulation being scrapped and replaced by one regulator, if the party forms the next Government.

The review, which will form a crucial part of Labour's energy policy. will begin in earnest when a group of industry specialists recruited by the shadow Trade and Industry team starts to draft a fresb regulatory frame-

work. John Battle, the energy spokesman, said: "It could be that we have just one regulator, but with proper back-up. It's generally agreed that regulation at the moment is fragmentary." Labour has been a stern critic of the

New Look is sold to institutions for £170m

BY MARTIN BARROW

institutional purchase, and Prudential Venture Manag-NEW LOOK, one of the UK's largest womenswear retailing chains, has been sold for up to ers, the joint underwriters. E170 million, it was an-Mr Singh, 44, and John

Hanna and Gavin Aldred, his The sale of the privately fellow executive directors of owned business to institution-New Look, will continue to al investors has taken place a run the company. Louis Sheryear after the founding Singh family aborted plans for a flotation on the stock market. wood, its non-executive chairman, takes the same role with Vallsar. A stock market flotation is unlikely to be consid-The deal, signed over the weekend, realises a multiered for at least three years. million fortune - worth five

The purchase price is broadtimes this week's National ly in line with the expected valuation of the company be-fore a flotation was aborted in



Forte plans put pressure on Granada to raise bid

BY ERIC REGULY

GRANADA will come under additional pressure today to raise its bid for Forte with the publication of the hotel and catering group's final defence document

But Granada is playing down speculation that it will boost its £3.2 billion hostile offer by 10 per cent or more. The document is expected to reveal plans for an investor loyalty package that includes a share buyback of about £500 million and an increase in the regular dividend, which has been at 7.5p since 1993, when it was cut from 9.91p. It will also assert that the group, shorn of its restaurants division, will report accelerated earnings growth over the next few years as the hotels sector recovers. The City is not convinced

regulation of the utilities. Mr Battle said: "This will be a solid review that will stand the test of time. We need a structure robust enough to tackle the free market currents sweeping through energy." He refused to say which

of the regulators, if any. would survive if Labour implements a single regulatory structure for energy. Power reform, page 33

TIMES

Lottery rollover jackpot - for a family that began the business with a single shop in the West Country in 1969. Tom Singh and his family

will receive an initial payment of £155 million in cash and shares. They will receive a further sum of up to E15 million, over the next three years, based on the performance of the company. After completion, they will hold a 25 per cent interest in Vallsar, a new company set up for the transaction by BZW Private Equity, which led the

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nounced yesterday.

November 1994. Mr Singh opened the first New Look outlet with a £5,000

loan from his parents. The company now trades from 305 shops in the UK and 18 in France. A further 12 shops are expected to open by the end of March. New Look expects to earn profits of about £20 million in the next financial year, on sales of £200 million. Graeme White, director of BZW Private Equity, said:

"This is a very successful business and there is significant growth to go in the UK and in France. The manage-ment have developed a formula which works well with the consumer and our plan for the future is to expand the format in both countries."

The deal is a setback for the new issues market, which had hoped for a good start to 1996 after a lacklustre 1995.

New Look, which blamed adverse stock market condirions for the pulling of its flotation, said that it had given fresh consideration to a public share listing, but had decided that a sale to institutions represented a better way forward. Offers from at least two trade buyers were declined.

One remarkable aspect of the New Look story is that growth has been achieved with the recession in retailing at its worst. The company began the 1990s with about 70 shops and has more than doubled operating margins in spite of generally selling goods at a 10 per cent discount to rivals such as Dorothy Perkins and Etam.

Mr Singh, an intensely private man, developed the first dozen or so outlets almost single-handed, collecting stock from London by van and delivering it to each shop.

capital's prospects suggests. The study says that by the end of the decade, there will be 230,000 fewer jobs in London than in 1990 - and that young people will bear the brunt of this collapse in employment because the jobs they traditionally hold are being taken by part-timers or married women

returning to work, or disap-pearing as a result of industri-al or technological change. The study is by one of the Government's Training and Enterprise Councils, which administer training. It notes that the increase in unemployment among 16 and 17-year-olds will not show in the Government's

expected to slow again by the end of the decade while industrial restructuring in the capital means that the "continuous haemorrhage" of manufactur-

ing employment bas not been fully compensated for by a growth in service sector jobs. Growth in employment is expected to be in sectors such as advertising, marketing and computing, with new jobs largely in administration, technical and professional occupations - not traditionally held by school-leavers. Man-ual and unskilled jobs are set to continue to decline. John Howell, Solotec chief

ment in training and work group - to aid the transition into the world of work."

that Granada will win Forte casily. Granada, barring a counterbid, has until next Tuesday to increase its offer. In advance of the final defence document. Forte called again for Granada to back its claim that it could squeeze an extra £100 million in annual earnings from Forte. Granada plans to break down the figure, but will not do so until early next week ... because it wants to give Forte as little time as possible to challenge the scenario.

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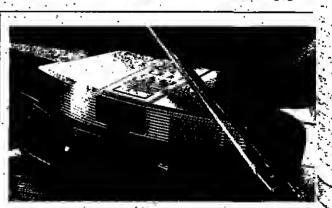
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Graham Scarjeant. page 34 Arm combat: Granada's Gerry Robinson, left, and Sir Rocco Forte wrestling for the initiative in their £3.2bn takeover battle Man with a mission, page 34



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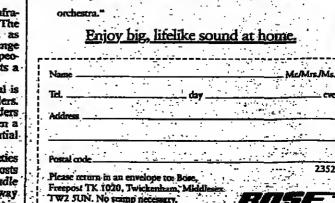
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BRITAIN'S first attempt at a cashless society has been slow to catch on. But the 21 Information: OT book founders of Mondez, an electronic cash system devised by National Westminster Bank, with Midland Bank and British Telecom, still hope that electronic money will find public favour in its UK trial and go national next year.

A pilot scheme for the Mondex electronic moncy system, which centres on a smart card with a microchip for storing electronic cash, was launched in Swindon last July. However, the public in Wiltshire, who were selected to take part in a one-year trial for Mondex, have been slow to use the card widely.

The card's chip is loaded with money through special cash dispensers or by using telephone lines to access a bank

account. The money can be transferred between cards by using a special wallet that resembles a pocket calculator. The cards are ideal for services using pay machines, such as car parks, pay phones and even buses, though Mondex sees a big market in pay-as-you-watch tele-vision and other developing technol-ogies. Most of the big stores in Swindon have the compact Mondex machines

beside all their cash tills. Mondex had hoped to get 40,000 of Swindon's 190,000 residents to take a card, but to date it has recruited only 9.000. It may be possible to live a normal lifestyle, cashless, in Swindon, but few have opted to do so.

Smart card slow to catch on

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

catch on, especially oow that the infrastructure is in place. He said: "The introduction of electronic cash is, as much as anything, an exercise in change management and understanding people's behaviour. Not everyone adopts a

oew technology at the same pace." For the moment, the Swindon trial is free to both consumers and retailers. However, from this spring, cardholders will have to pay for the service. Even a EL50 monthly fee could put potential users off the smart card.

The banks and building societies would like Mondex to succeed as it costs them billions of pounds a year to handle cash. Another pilot scheme is under way Roy Pratt, chief manager of Mondex in San Francisco, while triats will start in UK, remains optimistic that Mondex will Canada and Hong Kong this summer.

MASS youth unemployment jobless figures because this in London, leading to deepenage group is unable to claim ing economic and social depriunemployment benefit. vation, is now a "real danger", Solotec, the Tec covering an economic assessment of the south London, says in its annual economic assessment that "despite improvements in school staying-on rates, mass youth unemployment in London is now a real danger". This will lead to "further

concentrations of deprivation and deepening economic and social politicisation". London and the South East, says, experienced a deeper downturn than other regions in the recession of the early 1990s. Although growth in London has accelerated, it is

London young face bleak

jobs outlook, says report

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

executive, is calling for "urgent action" to counter the vulnerability to unemployment of 16 and 17-year-olds: This report highlights the need for substantial invest-

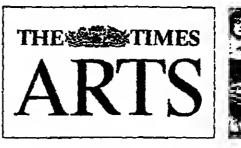
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BID OVERKI



VISUAL ART 2 A London showing for the blurred and fragmented visions of the late artist **Aubrey Williams**



POP After months of doubt, the Manic Street Preachers finally burst back into life with a Wembley gig

Promises for

a golden future

TOMORROW From West End musicals to Hollywood films, Times critics pick the hottest tickets in town

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Richard Cork on a Tate exhibition of art's treatment of black people; plus other London shows

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then, to find Reynolds devot-ing a portrait solely to the commanding presence of A Young Black. The Tate's two leaming in her most resplendent regal attire, Queen stouty bound Bible to an African king. Although his status is trumpeted by the feathers, jewels and fur he versions of this half-length painting are studio copies of the original in the Menil Foundation Collection at Houston, But they are noble wears, the unknown monarch bows before his Empress. Outshone by the whiteness of the Queen, and outnumbered by the presence of Prince Albert, Lord Paimerston and John Russell, he is at once ic sitters awed and grateful. For Victoria is honouring her imperial duty to civilise the colonies,

enough to show that Reynolds invested Francis "Frank" Barber, a Jamaican-born servant, with the dignity accorded to many of the artist's aristocrat Would he have been willing to do so if Barber was not

Samuel Johnson's favourite servant? The question must remain open All the same, the decision to depict a black

6 Black people servant in his who lived in own right, unencumbered by his master's Britain were validating presence, does ignored by suggest a welcome measure its artists 🤊 of enlightenment. In the

late 18th centuthe black people who lived in ry, the campaign to abolish Britain had been either slavery was growing in strength. Reynolds's portrait is marginalised or ignored by its artists for a long time. symptomatic of changing Four centuries of painting were available to the attitudes.

They reach a climax in this exhibition around 1827, when John Simpson painted an intensely dramatic Head of a Negro. He looks to his right, just as Barber had done, and both of them are set against freely handled backdrops suggestive of the sky. Simpson's sitter, though, appears more robust and independent. Unthe festival by dancing as a costumed Jack-in-the-Green. like Barber, whose ruff betohe may well be a white man in sooty make-up. Far more tell-ing is the black servant in the kened a man expected to dress correctly at all times, the Negro wears a smouldering background, mounted on a maroon jacket slashed open to coach taking a wedding couple reveal a prominent expanse of away from Marylebone Church. Bride. groom and dark, muscular chest. He looks rugged and free, in fullcoach-driver gaze at the pullublooded Romantic contrast to lating panorama of street sell-Reynolds's more discreet siters, entertainers, but the black ter. Bold white highlights sing footman is expected to stare out from his eyes, accentuatstraight ahead, denying himing the swarthiness of the surrounding flesh. And his self the pleasure of scanning street life. pupils are trained upwards, offering further proof that his tudes in the 1860s was dishorizons are less limited than Barber's had been. But the improvements should not be exaggerated. Only a couple of years after

Black in the foreground, but still kept firmly in the background: Dante Gabriel Rossetti's The Beloved (1865-66)

foreground space is allotted to a chimney-sweep, celebrating

position. Although a generous mentarily at least, that Rosset- once more. True, Edward villagers of Cookham in a a couple of shadowy invsical ti wanted to laud her beauty. Burra finds an exotic allure in ghosts to stand alongside the genuinely multi-racial act of more substantial shades of However, she stares out at us the denizens of 1930s Harlem, renewal, created by an artist who refused to set any narrow Bach and Telemann. with a troubled expression. and places them on a street stagey enough for a sanitised Perhaps her frown indicates ethnic boundaries around his an awareness that she is musical version of ghetto life. redemptive vision. simply a foil for the dazzling But Burra makes clear his The absence of Spencer's admiration for the sexy, stylwhiteness of the beloved, who masterpiece, on view elsehas pulled aside a bridal veil ish agility of the nonchalant where in the Tate, made me realise how rewarding a largto show off the unblemished young roan flicking his ash on sheen of her skin. the pavement. The white Enger exhibition on this theme lish artist, finding himself for would be. On the present er absolute confionce in an outsider's position. occasion, only two artists are relishes and maybe yearns for dence, buttressed by the admiring chosen to represent contempothe supposedly unselfrary work by black artists. Both Sonia Boyce and Lubaina Himid make menoconscious vitality of black Both anenoon of her equally pure Caucasian handculture. The divide is still keenly felt maidens, makes the black rable contributions, but they here; but if Stanley Spencer's could easily have been accomgirl's gaze seem even more perturbed. Although bedigreat painting of The Resurpanied by others. I hope zened in jewellery, and profrection, Cookham had been Picturing Blackness leads on included in the exhibition, a to further and deeper explorafering a bouquet to her far more unifying vision would assert itself. For Spentions, promoting an enlarged awareness of the myths which junct to the bride's refulgent cer universalises his monucontinue to hamper our undermental canvas by showing. standing of what the word charms. next to the church porch, a British" really means. After such questionable headiness, it is a relief to reach group of black men and · Picturing Blackness is at the women rising from the sun-Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SWI (0171-887 8000) until Mar 10 the 20th century and find black people given adult status cracked earth. They join the Mother Courage and her Children

WHILE the carpet was rolled back and the Britpop party raged throughout 1995, these two bands might have seemed to be in the kitchen staring at their shoes. In truth, both the Roses and the Preachers were turning adversity into strength. The Stone Roses, as documented in these pages

recently, ended a year of upheaval and backlash by doing the right thing: putting themselves before a still-ador-ing British public. The fiveyear hiatus after the Roses' droolingly-received 1989 debut album meant that they spent much of the past 12 months fighting against their own reputation. But a few weeks back in the trenches of live work meant that by the time they goi to Wembley, they were curing an impressive swagger, both on booming anthems such as I Wanna Be Adored and Waterfall and the Second Coming ballad 10

Storey Love Song. But by then, the evening had already become one to remember for another reason. They may put a plaque up outside this chilly chadel to mark the place where Manic Street Preachers came back to

The much debated disappearance of the group's rhythm guitarist and lyricist Richey James cast the Manics into an uncertainty that was itself a tribute to their fellowship. James's absence threw into doubt the very future of a band that, in three albums

here was essentially a serious-minded celebration of the past

in terms of the present, with a

finely ordered programme of

(mostly) 17th-century baroque

music by the King's Consort.

directed from the organ or

Baroque of ages APART from the festive crack-RECITAL ers spread around the refresh-ment room, New Year's Eve

King's Consort Wigmore Hall

counter-tenor tone elevated this familiar text to the calibre of a passionate aria threaded over strings and continuo.

harpischord by their founder. Robert King. He had called up But this was eclipsed by the same singer's superb delivery of a sorrowing Lamentotio by Johann Christoph Bach (uncle

With no word on James s fate, the remaining members decided only recently to enter the studio and begin work on a new record as a three-piece. and this guest slot served as a statement of that intent. In the process, it yelled from the rooftops that, even if a part of their inner selves is still AWOL, the Manics are ready

POP

Stone Roses/Manic Street Preachers

Wembley Arena

since 1992, had become one of

Britain's most vital, most fiery

rock properties.

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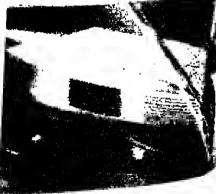
to re-emerge mightier than ever in 1996. In just 40 minutes, and with no verbal reference to the anguish that led them here. the band vented themselves on angry versions of You Love Us and From Despair to Where. But with lead singer and

guitarist James Dean Bradfield more of a linclipin than even in earlier days, they opened a chest of sparkling new songs including Design for Life and Everything Must Go that, with synthesizer de-

tail bolted onto their guitar framework, showed a new maturity that was truly invigorating. From despair to here, and then respectfully upwards.

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room was found in these pictures for the men and women from Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas who had already settled here.

organisers of the Tate Gal-

lery's illuminating exhibition,

Picturing Blackness in British

Art. Tudor and Stuart por-

traits are, however, dominated

by the fashionably blanched

faces of all-white grandees. No

and this solemn presentation

at Windsor is clearly meant to

confirm her

After Thom-

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er painted this

smug scene

around 1861,

the picture also

became known

as The Secret

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Greatness. But

the truth is that

supremely

magnanimity.

When black people begin to appear, they are regarded merely as exotic baubles. The servant in An Elegant Company Playing Cards, a stilted conversation-piece attributed to Gawen Hamilton, would be easy to miss. He hovers, overdressed and unregarded, on the edges of the scene. Scarcely more important than the household pet beside him, he exists as an amusing adornment for a family determined to boost its status with the latest accessories. At this stage, in the 1720s, black faces were deemed worthy of inclusion in such paintings only if suitably costumed and subordinate to the principal, impeccably white-skinned figures.

AROUND THE GALLERIES

random about their organis-

ation, or the thinking behind

them. In these images that suggest the idea of lift-off into

space, Williams, after three

decades of painting, evokes the decades of pairing, evokes the process of achieving an over-view, a grasp on reality. At the centre of each of the main

pictures are clusters of jostling

activity: microbes, mountains,

or the sights of a gun crupt

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All the more remarkable,

n the paintings of Aubrey Williams's Cosmos Series

a number of sparkling,

splintered elements spin off

against a very dark ground.

These are some of the last

paintings that Williams made

before he died in 1990, and in

many ways they anticipate

much contemporary painting.

with its blurred and fragment-

ed vision. But there is nothing

'GRIPPING'

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closed half-way through the decade, when Dante Gabriel Rossetti concocted his sumptuous pre-Raphaelite fantasy called The Beloved. Simpson's picture, Beniamin Robert Haydon's Punch or The prominence accorded to May Day places the black man firmly in his former the black girl in the fore-ground might suggest, mo-

The truth about British atti-

into a sulphuric atmosphere.

creating a deliberately ambig-

The October Gallery, 24 Old

Gloucester Street, London

WC1 (0171-242 7367), until

🛛 Virginia Verran's recent

paintings use a skid of brush and a flicker of light against

dark to suggest changing speed. The paintings are often

large enough to reach from floor to ceiling at the Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery. They

seem positively to swell, bursting with blurred colour and detail in salmon pinks, reds,

and purply-brown blacks. In this rich field of colour, fine sharp points of paint provide sudden opportunities for physical and mental focus, punctuating an otherwise difficult visual journey. If the paintings

describe anything at all, they seem to be about the aftermath

of an incident rather than the

thing itself, a struggle for

clarity of vision and memory.

Francis Graham-Dixon Gal-

lery, 17-18 Gt Sutton Street,

London EC1 (0171-250 1962),

C As the culmination of a five-

week residency at Camden

Arts Centre, the sculptor Keith

Wilson has collected a great

deal of furniture and brought

it back to base. The result is

Theft by Finding, a series of arrangements of that furni-

ture in one of the main

galleries. Each individual

until January 20

uous sense of scale.

January 27

pick-pockets and mistress, she appears nothing more than an outlandish ad-

The music of Pavel Vejvanovsky, a Moravian composer who spent all his life at a provincial ecclesiastical court, has evidently caught King's ear to an extent that he promises, in his admirably lucid programme notes, furstyle and flexible technique

ther future exploration of it. From what I heard here. including a jaunty Sonata Natalis for the Christmas season, it sounded decently crafted yet without much ar-

resting spark about it. Christian Geist, on the other hand, a provincial German musician who found some repute at the Swedish court in Stockholm, favoured an elegantly expressive style that touched deeper sources of feeling, at least in his setting of the German Lord's Prayer so eloquently sung here by James

NOEL GOODWIN

Nebulic Cluster, 1985, one of the paintings from Aubrey Williams's Cosmos Series

piece treads a precarious path between its formal artistic potential and its functional associations. Without really transforming anything, Wilson manipulates the individual elements, making them lean, lie, and sit in touching

and humorous relationships to each other. The "true" nature of a filing cabinet. musical instrument case, hed. tin bath, stepladder, or desk. remains the same, and yet is fundamentally altered. This work has none of the gravitydefying, virtuoso manipula-

current sculpture, but instead encourages free association based on the objects' current position in the gallery and their past use elsewhere. Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, Landon NW3 (0171-435 2643) to January 21

Artists' books zigzag across display tables, while framed works on paper, with fine line and occasional flat colour, hang on the walls. The often rather precious medium of the art book is given a somewhat more solid and robust form in tion that characterises much Partwork, a successful col-

laboration between the abstract painter Julia Farrer and the experienced printmaker Ian Tyson. Sections of colour are held right in wedges, while fine black lines impose a monochrome geometric order. The merging of the two disciplines has successfully overcome any deadening notions

> medium. The Eagle Gallery, 159 Forringdon Road, London ECI (0)71-833 2674) until January 20

of formal purity in either

SACHA CRADDOCK

"Brecht's greatest play has received one of the greatest productions it has ever had, or is ever likely to have, from Jonathan Kent... Diana Rigg gives the most tremendous performance of her career"



of Sebastian). The word-painting of the text is infused with wonderfully poignant harmonies of voice and strings, to which the theorbo added its distinctive twang to melancholy effect. The soloist's impeccable

was further extended in a Sebastian Bach cantata, No 170, Vergnügle Ruh (O blessed rest), three arias separated by confident recitatives and the first and last arias adorned with grace and spirit in the oboe d'amore solos played by Katharina Spreckelsen. King's unobtrusive but secure direction throughout ensured a constantly benign balance of ensemble giving its benediction to an old year's music.

Bowman. The beauty of his

Royal National Theatre

by Bertolt Brecht

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BODY AND MIND

A-Z OF COSMETIC SURGERY At the cutting edge of the beauty business

AESTHETIC plastic surger has had a bad press. Ministers, anxious to cut the NHS bill, invariably discuss cosmetic surgery in disparaging terms and still refer to it as if its only role was to pander to conceil by attempting to give a vointhful appearance to ageing faces,

Cosmetic surgery does indeed make people look youn-ger and brighter, but by doing so may alter the lifestyle of the patients, boost their sense of wellbeing and self-esteem, and thereby improve their job opportunities, increase their interests and extend their social horizons, Cosmetic surgeons and dermatologists --whose work involves erasing the ravages of time from the contours" and complexion of the face - report increasingly brisk business.

As life in the cities and professions becomes tougher and less considerate, many older people, rightly or wrongfeel threatened by youth and want to blur the age difference. Barristers, accountants. City solicitors and financiers of both sexes have joined the beauty-conscious woman in asking for the shadows and bags to be removed from under their eyes, wrinkles to be inned out, and sagging faces to be lifted. Men have not only been investing in prod-ucts to stimulate hair growth. but have also increasingly heen turning to cosmetic surgeons for hair transplants.

TECHNIQUES

TECHNIQUES in face-lifting have improved enormously in the last few years. The fear that after surgery a face would look as taut as the Duchess of Windsor's or that, like an earlier Duchess of Marlbor-

agging jaw line, baggy eyes, flabby breasts, prominent nose? Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the latest ways in which medical science can achieve a new, improved you

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olas Lowe of the University of

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Clinic in London says that this

procedure is usually very eff-

ective, particularly when the

pigmentation is darkest on the

ner side of the orbit nearest

tion. Noses and cars cause constant anxiety. An excessively large nose can be a source of embarrassment. teasing and even bullying of children au school, Most but not all - adult

around the eye; they feel that men learn to tolerate it, but for a woman it can remain a this not only looks unattraclive but makes them appear cause of miserv Not surprisingly reshaping permanently tired and ill.

noses was one of the earliest There are three courses for challenges faced by plastic excess eye shadowing. If the surgeons, and they have now become very proficient at it. veins are too close to the skin, laser treatment may help but The most common problem the results are often disapfaced by the doctor practising pointing. More often there is rhinoplasty is dealing with a increased pigmentation which nose which is too prominent. gets darker as the parient grows older. In these cases the width of the nose has to be narrowed as well as the bridge lowered. The tendency to excessive gmentation is usually famil-

A flanened nose, whether from inheritance, injury or surgery, can also cause embarrassment by, for instance, making the most amiable person look like an aggressive pugilist. Augmentation rhinoplasty, the insertion nf additional bone or cartilege to restore or even create a bener framework, can revolutionise

somebody's face and at the same time alter other people's

to the nose. Similar treatment perception of the character with the laser is useful for behind it. removing excessive pigmenta-Bat cars are nperated on tion around the mouth or the brown spots caused by acne or from the age of six onwards. and are usually corrected in the damage caused to the skin childhood, but there is no by a lifetime in the sun. technical reason why the sur-Finally some eyeshadowing gery cannot be performed on is literally just that: shadows an adult. The procedure involves the remodelling of the caused by loose bags under the eyes. These people would benefit from blepharoplasty. cartilage in the ear but the scar is behind the ear and is not noticeable after the operation. SKIN EYES RESURFACING of an ageworn skin can be achieved by BAGS under the eves and chemical peeling agents, or by dermobrasion. In which the sorface layers of the skin are drooping eyelids are perhaps the most common complaint. mechanically worn away by an abrasive wheel. Hyper-Blepharoplasty is the surgcon's answer to the anxiety. pigmentation, roughness and line skin wrinkles can often be The surgeon removes sorplus skin from the eyelids, tightens op the muscles, and removed, or the creases filled takes away any excess fat oot, by the use of Retinova which is deposited around the (tretinoin), which needs to be eyes. The patient then looks applied daily for several voonger and much more alert. months. It is not recommend-Financiers, male as well us ed for those people who have a female, who are bright and personal history, or even a thrusting rather than laid back and inserutable. frefamily history, of some types of malignant skin cancers. and must not be used by quently request blepharoplasty. Their friends find it pregnani women. hard to pinpoint the difference Deeper lines and the craters afterwards, merely remarking left from acne need filling out on how well they look. If the with liquid collagen injections. eyebrows droop as well, these can be hitched up by the incision of a piece of skin These are not everlasting and need to be repeated comparatively often. A face-lift will

righten up the skin of the face but tends to leave the deep verticle lines which form around the mouth, and collagen injections are necessary to disguise these.

BREASTS

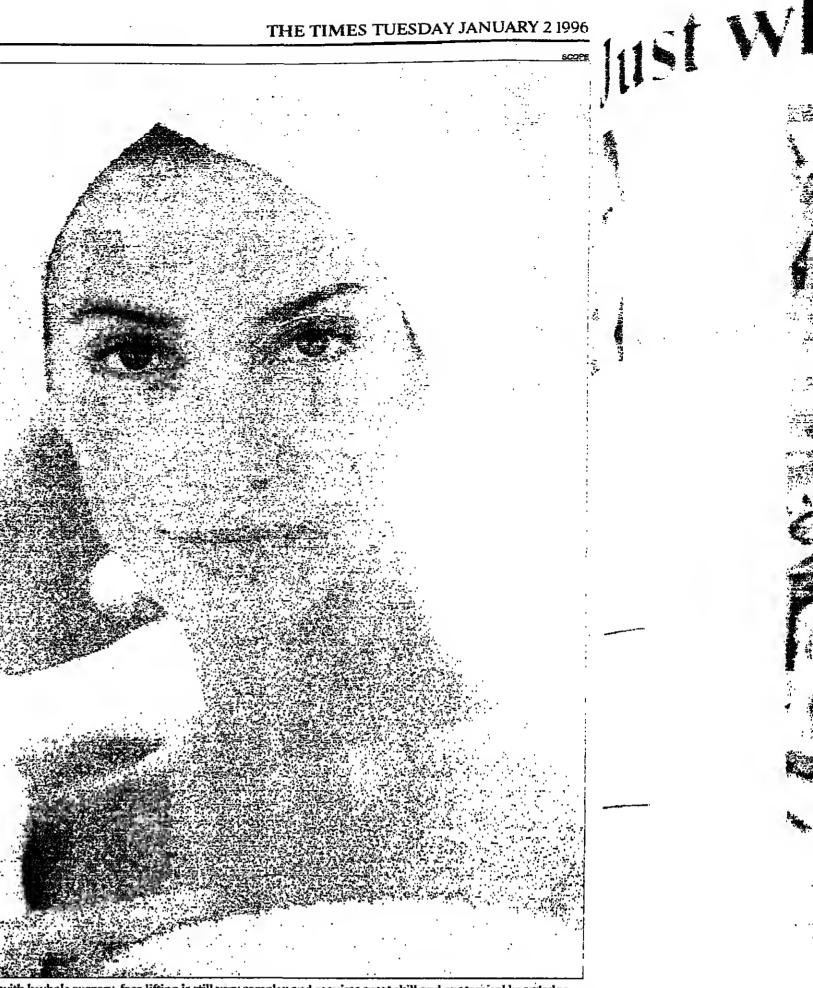
NOT ONLY faces but also bodies can be remodelled. Breasts can be tightened and augmented, and the laxity which so often follows childbirth can be corrected. Some women worry that their breasts are smaller than average. and they feel others think of them as being less feminine than they would wish, Although the medical evidence has largely exonerated silicone implants, dnubts as to their safety remain, so most implants are now made of either sova oil or saline.

Breast reduction in appropriate cases can be very successful and transform a younger woman's social life. Parients need to discuss the operation, and their feelings about it, in detail with the surgeon before it is undertaken. for sometimes anxiety over breast size can conceal deep psychological concerns. Afterwards the breast is scarred, but many women prefer a few neat scars to disproportionately large bosoms which they see as a source of embarrassment.

STOMACH

A FLABBY stomach inevitably causes distress and cannot always be hidden by clothes. Surgeons can remove excessive skin by an operation known as abdominoplasty, but, as with breast reduction, it leaves scars. The scars after abdominoplasty run from above both hips right across the lower abdomen, with the

further small scar around the



Even with keyhole surgery, face-lifting is still very complex and requires great skill and anatomical knowledge

ough, the patient might have to remain hidden from spejety. is now unnecessary, provided that a good surgeon is employed.

But face-lifting, even with keyhole surgery, is still very complex and requires great skill and a detailed knowledge of anatomy if the result is to be pleasing. Most sears are almost entirely hidden in the hairline - above or behind the ears - and any in front of the ears soon fade,

If there is a price to pay for losing the flabhy skin of the neck, the sagging jaw line and the drooping mouth, it is fortonately oscally no more than bruising, or a transient numbress where a nerve has been damaged. Very occasionally the injury to the nerve causes permanent damage. and sometimes, particularly in smokers, a poor peripheral circulation leaves a wide sear which the hair cannot hide.

NOSES AND EARS

MANY patients opt for minor degrees of facial reconstruc-

umbilicus, which has to be repositioned in its former natural spot. When there is an excessive roll of fat - the traditional spare tyre - modification by abdominoplasty allows the tissue to be cut away en masse. Liposuction can be used to remove smaller

collections of fat. If your concern is excessive wrinkling, thinning hair, a sagging jaw line, baggy eyes, flabby breasts, protuberant belly, receding chin, or jost an ageing face. 1996 coold, with the help of a member of the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Sorgeons, be very different. The association produces

booklets for doctors and the general public about the advantages and, perhaps even more importantly, the disadvantages and possible sideeffects of the various operations performed by its members. General practitioners will be able to advise on the particular skills of any of the surgeons listed in the membership booklet, discuss the desirability of surgery, and arrange for referral to the appropriate specialist.

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Men demand the body beautiful

Increasing demand for cosmetic surgery for men is extending to breast implants to improve the appearance of the male chest. The Jeremy Laurance on

a boom in male surgery

prospect of adding an effortless extra inch or two to the pectoral area is enticing men to the clinics that have, up The Harley Medical Groop, which runs foor clinics around the country, says a fifth of its clients were men in 1993 but the proportion rose to a third in 1994 The most popolar male operation is a rhinoplasty - surgery on the nose, osually to reduce its size or smooth out a

Bodybuilders seek pecs appeal

as for a woman, and involves the insertion of silicone implants from one to five centimetres thick behind the pectoral muscles, to throw them forward.

In men the implants are inserted through an incision onder the arm. where the hair will conceal the scar. In women, who are more likely to shave onder their arms, the incision is oscally made at the base of the breast.

centimetres thick inserted last November. A sales manager with a company in Birmingham, he has told no one about

week." he says. "I have a very good physique but I lacked pectoral develop-The operation costs £3,500, the same

ment. When I undressed, it just didn't look right."

Before sorgery he had a 46-inch chest and a 30-inch waist but was embarrassed about his appearance. "It stopped me going on holiday," he says. "I wouldn't take my shirt off for anybody. Even my parents don't know about this. I was quite a skinny lad ontil I took

op body boilding six years ago. Every-thing else developed except this - I have big shoulders, big arms, a big back and legs. It made me miserable."

At five feet eight inches tall, he now weighs 15 stone, op from 912 stone. Bot despite a ponishing exercise regime, his pectorals refused to develop. He has previously had liposuction to keep his waist trim. He says the implant operation was worth the money. "I am not bothered what others think aboot me. It is the way I feel about myself that matters."

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Unlike augmentation, breast reduction is cheaper for men - at between £2,000 and £2.500 - than for women. who are charged £4,000 to £4,500. The operation is more complex in women because of the presence of the mammary gland. "It is much more intricate and involves a lot more surgical tailoring." Ms Hanson says. The Harley Medical Group's clinics

perform more than five times more breast reductions than augmentations on nien. Among women, lireast augmentation is more popular.

> ing titanium chambers in their limbs. Titanium chambers being more expensive than rahbits, he returned to

> the tested animals after experiments to retrieve his

screws, and discovered that it

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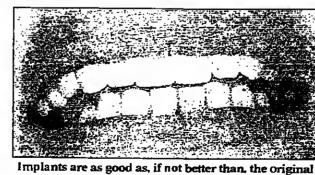
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Smile, please, and say titanium

The benefits of a dental implant

lacking.

WHEN Martin Amis spent of hollow screw - is screwed £20.000 on his teeth, in Januinto the jaw bone and site of ary 1995, the press went wild the original root. A titanium at his apparent profligacy. What kind of dental procepost is then screwed into the root and protrudes through dure could cost the same as a new BMW? The answer, it turned out, was implant reconstruction, one of the greatest - and yet least publicised developments in modern cosmetic surgery. Michael Morton, one of fewer than ten British dentists who practise the operation exclusively, says the continued low profile of dental implants is due to a lack of media interest in teeth. which has kept public awareness down, bridge, which involves cutting and to the fact that in Britain down the two adjacent teeth we still do not expect to pay and damaging them permafor dentistry. "In America. Italy. and France," he says. nently. He can have an adhesive false tooth. although where private dental care is research suggests it will come off at least once a year. Or he tong established, there is much greater demand from can have a denture, which patients." Amis, indeed, was involves a great plastic plate treated in the US. in the mouth for just one or two teeth. Any professional sportsman who has teeth It is a remarkable operation. A titanium root - a sort



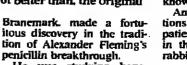
missing when he plays, but a full set when he is interviewed, has probably got one of these

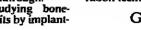
"An implant, however, is a preservative rather than a estructive operation. for it is shown actually to stimulate and maintain the jaw bone. If the patient subsequently breaks his jaw, it will not break at the implant point because the fusion is stronger than bone itself."

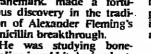
The cost of each osseointegrated implant (as opposed to earlier implants, which merely sat in scar tissue above the

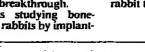
performed in this country for the past ten years, but it was as long ago as 1965 that a Swedish scientist, Professor



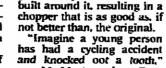












to now, catered mainly for women.

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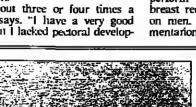
and increased again last year.

requested. This is achieved by liposuction, which involves inserting a needle and sucking out excess fat. However, breast augmentation to swell the pectoral muscles is in growing demand. Diane Hanson, manager of the Harley Medical clinic in Birmingham, says that nationally the

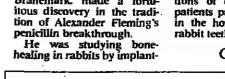
group is doing two soch operations a week. About half of them are hody builders making the finishing touches. she says. "They expose their bodies more than most of os and are conscious of the way they look. Many have a good physique, but there may be one part of the operation. their body where they feel they are

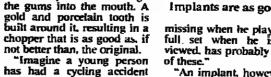
"I work out three or four times a

Stuart, 29, had implants two



was impossible because the metal had fused to the bone. Realising the dental potential of his discovery he set about developing the implant sys-tem - and to this day the





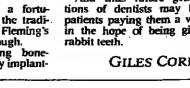
says Mr Morton, whose Dental Implants - A Guide for the General Practitioner is the only British book on the subject. "He will have four options. He can have a

bone) is around £1.000. Dental implants have been



Branemark implant is acknowledged as one of the best. And thus future genera-





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Just why do people overeat?



There's fat chance of finding a cure for greed, whatever theories the scientists come up with to explain the tide of obesity, says Nigella Lawson

ciencists, I have to conclude. are nice people. They want us to feel better about ourselves. What's more - selfinterest and altruism can, you see, co-exist - they want us to know that it is they themselves who can make us feel so much

All those men and women in their white coats have been beavering away in their labs with their rats and their mice, struggling to come up with a miracle pill that will make it easy for us to lose weight.

Just a day or so ago, some of their number announced that breakthrough had been

made: the gene that may be responsible for appetite regula-oon would appear to have been discovered. In other words, no longer do the overweight have to put up with being blamed for lacking in willpower what they make up for in greed: they are exculpated; they can simply produce the perfect, genetic excuse, What a

comforting message for all of those depressed about their seasonal weight gain and the prospect of the regulatory diet ahead. Happy New Year to everybody.

But, of course, it's not quite like that, is it? There seems to be an enduring fallacy that those who overeat do so because they are hungrier than those who eat less. Within reason — that's to say, within a narrowish band — it might well be the case. But I have never met anyone who overeats steadily - enough to put on troubling amounts of

weight - who does so purely

surrounded by food and there wasn't much else 10 do except eat it. That's the truth, isn't it? Any time I have put on weight, it's been because I've eaten regardless of how unhungry I am. So-called comfort eating (I say, socalled, because any comfort the food brings is fleeting and overridden by the discomfort, both physical and mental, that followsl is not prompted by actual hunger. That would be much easier to satisfy. And the

difficulty with starting to eal when one isn't hungry is that there is no cue to stop. Whatever the scientists may

say about leptin - the protein that they think might regulate appetite - as long as The trick people are able to eat without feeling is to eat the faintest twinge of hunger, they will only when continue to do so. And interestingly, hungry, many studies have shown that most and stop obese people are not deficient in when not' leptin anyway. What scientists have thus concluded is that there is, in fat people,

a defective receptor in the brain which prevents the signal from the leptin getting through. I'd be interested to about average weight tend to use the internal cues of hunger know whether overeating itas a prompt to eat, whereas self - and I mean serious those very much above averovereating, over time - can throw this receptor off. Because we all know, too, that it is overeating in the first place which makes us feel that we need more food. It's selfperpetuating.

'if anything, people who are overweight tend to feel less hungry than those of normal weight. Maybe that's because one of the symptoms, if one can call it that, of the overweight is a fear of hunger. If you eat too much, too often,

pleasurably - when not

age weight are stimulated by external cues. In other words, they see a plate of cakes or a hungry. table laid with food and immediately consider themselves hungry, whereas it hadn't occurred to them that they were hungry before the delicious vision appeared in front

of them. I must admit I have some sympathy with this way of being. However full-up I am halfway through eating, I find mpossible to leave

rant critic for more than a decade, and now write a food column too, and would find both hard without the ability to eat - and what's more to eat

Obscene as that sounds, that's the obvious truth. The trick is, though - and it's the only trick and, therefore, no trick at all - to eat only when hungry, and stop when not, most of the time, Simple and irritatingly true though this is,

It isn't, I admit, always easy 10 follow. I wonder, anyway, whether

isn't a more normal response to overeat with an overabundance of food than it is to show admirable restraint. Our natural im-

pulses are surely to store up energy supplies: the Homer Simpson-like desire to eat whatever's available whenever it's available must be, somewhere along the line, biologically determined.

do not mean by this to go over to the other side, as it were. The essence of civilised behaviour is anyway to override the diktats of nature.

Furthermore, from what I can gather from the writings of a larger body of scientists that have come up with the newest key to weight loss, it is not the increase in calorie

Everyone has something inution. One can hardly imagine the fortunes to be made from coming up with the miracle weight-loss pill, regardless of whether it works in the longterm or not.

heat off us, too. We don't - we think - have to struggle ourselves if there's a pill that could do it for us.

But it is strange, because if there's one thing we do know, it is that if calorie consumption exceeds calorie expenditure I put on weight. Tests

increased the fibre. The mice shed their excess weight, as indeed the scientists knew they

But I do agree, it's easier for the ntice. They cat what they're supermarket and, consequent-ly, the overstocked fridge.

those calories off, durifully put But this, I think, is the most telling: some weeks ago, a group of scientists found that their laboratory mice had all put on weight. To make them lose it, they didn't faff around with chemicals and drugs and

concede: greed is good. But hunger has absolutely

Now that the season to eat, drink and be merry has passed, millions are viewing their excess pounds with dismay. A weight-loss pill would make a fortune words, we don't need to that truth. Those who claimed eat less, just exercise more. to eat like a bird but never lose weight were found, on an even vested, however, in coming up only slightly reduced calorie with a more comfortable soldiet, to lose weight: those who

claimed they could eat whatever they liked without putting on an ounce, were given a higher-calorie diet and, without any extra exercise to burn

And, of course, it takes the on weight.

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would.

given, Rather more effort is required from those of us who face the temptations of the overstocked delicatessen and

Overeating is practically an occupational hazard of being alive in the consumer age. But one shouldn't get too puritanical about it: flesh is not something to be abhorred, nor food something to be disdained. In culinary maners 1

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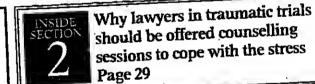
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out of rampant hunger. you will never be in a position Be hong have added to your bulk over of being hungry. Christmas haven't done so because you unaccountably felt hungrier then. You have overeaten because you were

anything on my plate. That's When tests have been done on this subject, what's indeed been found is that people of

in part due to my upbringing, but also because I'm greedy. Indeed, I have been a restauconsumption that is making us faner, but a decrease in upon tests have been carried out on people, and nothing has calorie expenditure. In other

you. They simply redu fat in the mice's diet and nothing to do with it.



adhur Jaffrey is like one of those bottles of expensive scent. On her side it should read: "New York. London. Delhi." From the frequency of her appearances in Britain and the RADA-cultivated cadences of that voice - "a pinch of pepper and a sprig of coriander" - many of us probably presumed that she resided in England. The Home Counties, Waitrose and a Mini Metro would

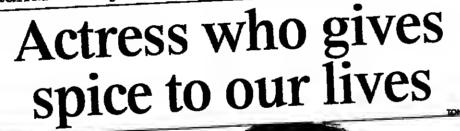
suit her tidy image. In fact, this bright-eyed, successful woman has for 30 years been a New Yorker. She lives on the rump of Greenwich village, south of the oddball Flatiron District, where taxis clunk over bumps in the road and loy wholesalers flash their novelty wares in sooty storefronts. A few streets to the west. Dylan Thomas killed himself by sucking dry a whisky bottle. Across the way from Mrs Jaffrey's apariment block is one of the area's last, Greek-run diners. Its laminated menu offers hash browns, steak, pancake heart

attacks and soda gum-rot. So what is she doing in BBCl's New Year drama The Peacock Spring, in which she plays wise Lady Srinevesan, patron of poets and mentor to the ripe Una Gwithian (Hattie Morahan)? How does this tally with her downtown Manhattan existence, or with her reputation as the Elizabeth David

for all points East of Araby? In the noisy Greek diner on New York's Sixth Avenue, Mrs Jaffrey appraised the dishevelled waiter's bulging apron before she ordered: Two poached eggs, a bagel, cawfee!" This from the woman whose dexterity with dopiaza transformed the kitchens of England, whose spice pummelling pestle and hot zeal lifted curry to art form, from

Nuneaton 10 Norwich. "You know what, I love hamburgers," she says. "They can be great. And I love this diner." Indeed, she and 1 love and unter. Inotest and campaigned for its salvation when the landlord recently attempted to evict the Greek family which has

It was only a smallish part in The run it for years. Peacock Spring, but Mrs Jaffrey jumped at the idea of two weeks on location in Delhi, her family town. A party scene was shot at the Gym-khana Club, long past its prime, but a place Mrs Jaffrey knew as a girl. "I was there once for a Christmas Eve ball," she says. "I remember the dance so well. All the women wore gorgeous saris, and all the young





Madhur Jaffrey as Lady Srinevesan, mentor to Una Gwithian (Hattie Morahan) in The Peacock Spring

mid-19th century. "I'm sorry to say

that our family aided the British

during the mutiny of 1857," she says.

There were normally about 20

family members in the compound,

The young Madhur, educated

Secondary School in Kanpur, was

expected to go in to the Civil Service.

Instead, she managed to gain a

place at drama school in London

and found herself in the same class

London in the late 1950s was a

whirl. Bertolt Brecht's newly post-

humous plays were the rage, and

Peter Brook was in nightly triumph at the Phoenix. "I remember sitting

at St Mary's Convent in Delhi

and Queen Marv's Higher

but sometimes many more.

as Diana Rigg.

men I had crushes on were there. It was a wonderful night full of the promise of love."

Returning to the Gymkhana Club with the film crew, she walked in to the ballroom with Christopher Morahan, the director of The Peacock Spring. Before them, a magnificent shaft of light shone through a window. I was suddenly taken right back to that night when I was young, that evening that was so special." she says. That romanic story was inter-

rupted by the arrival of the eggs - a tad runny — and served in a cup. They were consumed with care, and a sprinkling of black pepper administered with the little finger held aloft. She continued with talk of faroff India, its mists and wafting woodsmoke complemented by a singeing coming from the diner's waffle griddle.

The family was brought up in a

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in the gods watching Richard Burhuge Delhi compound, a series of villas built on land which the family ton play Otheilo one night, lago the next." says Mrs Jaffrey, chewing on received in exchange for murky a dry bagel. political favours to the Raj in the

She met Saeed Jaffrey, then a promising young actor, fell in love, and wed. They took the Queen Mary and set sail for a new life in the States. "I came out on deck to see the Statue of Liberty. Everything was new and exciting," Mrs Jaffrey says. The love affair with America lasted slightly longer than the one with Saced, alas, and she left their home in Washington DC to move, alone, to New York.

To supplement the dismal money paid by off-Broadway shows she took a job as a guide at the United Nations, then at the new Lincoln Centre, where she met Sanford Allen, a young violinist. They have been happily married for more than 25 years.

So much has happeoed since, but

Quentin Letts meets Madhur Jaffrey on her home ground — not Delhi or Surrey but Manhattan New York, where Mr Allen plays with the Philarmonic, has been a constant factor. The interest in cooking began when she was living in Colders Green and in description in Golders Green and, in despair at the endless string of cold meals, she wrote to her mother in Delhi to ask

for decent recipes. When she reached America. people were intrigued by her Indian dishes so she turned her mother's leners into a book. Further volumes followed.

She has gone on to do television and radio work, has immersed herself in the family - of her three daughters, two are mothers - and has become accepted by the Merchant lvory clique. There is unspecific talk of novel-writing and film direction this year. All of the time, however, acting

has nibbled away at her soul, and she has taken numerous roles over the years, from Cotton Mary to Heot and Dust, Vonya on 42nd Street, a stage Medea and now The Peacock Spring.

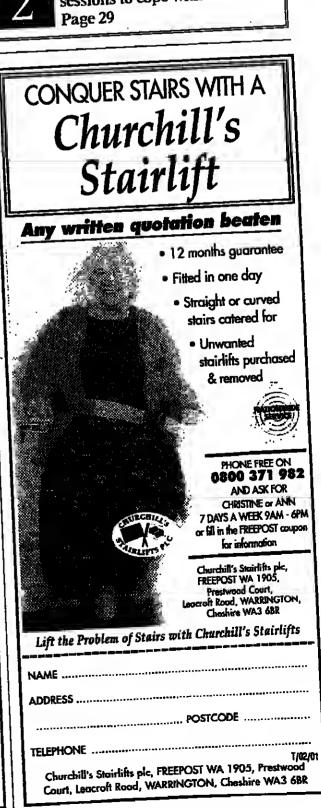
jiven the success of her cookery books Mrs Jaffrey probably need not work. but sloth is not in her nature. "I was born into a comfortable caste kovastho, the caste of senior officials and mandarins] but as a woman I had none of the fruits of that caste," she says. "The men in India are not moovated. But I was not born a man." With curry houses finally making headway in New York, she probably also has a chance to expand her cooking interests. She is consultant to one of Manhattan's smarter Indian restaurants.

But what America really seems to suit is her wanderlust, her sparkle. "Ah, the land of Marlon Brando!" she exclaimed to herself when she first arrived. She delights in the new, the imaginative.

When Sir Edwin Lutyens was planning New Delhi he invited Mrs Jaffrey's grandfather, a friend, to take a parcel of prime land in the new project for a bargain price. "Grandfather told Lutyens, 'You mean that jungle? No way!," Mrs Jaffrey says. That land," she says with a grin, "would now be worth many millions. Many, many!"

If Lutyens had put the same proposition to his old friend's granddaughter, one imagines, the answer might have been more positive.

 Part two of The Peacock Spring is on BBC1 tonight at 9.30pm.





The sands have not run out

Anthony Parsons on a peaceful

transition in Saudi Arabia

truth

egimes in Arabia have two defining characteristics: their longevity, and their ability to baffle the West by finding ways round crises which from outside look insurmountable.

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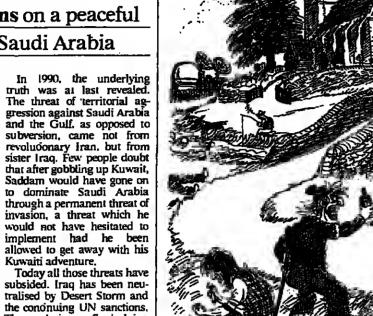
Assuming that King Fahd's delegation of authority 10 Prince Abdullah is permanent. the latter will be fifth in succession since the founder of the Kingdom. Abdel Aziz ibn Saud, died in November 1953. Previous successions have taken place in far more troubled circumstances, such as when King Faisal succeeded King Saud at the height of pan-Arab republicanism (Nasserism) in 1964, or when King Faisal was murdered by a member of the family in 1975. On both occasions, family solidarity weathered the storm. There is no reason why the same should not be the case today.

A smooth transition in Saudi Arabia is as important to the West as it ever was. The end of the Cold War has made little difference. The Arabian peninsula soll contains a substandal proportion of the world's oil reserves. Anarchy or radical change in Saudi Arabia would have an immediate impact on the stability of the smaller states, from Kuwait to Oman. Strategically, Saudi Arabia lies between the area of the Arab-Israeli dispute, now at a delicate stage,

and the potentially menacing states to the East, namely Saddam Hussein's Iraq and the Shia Muslim theocracy

of Iran. The key role of Saudi Arabia in operation Desert Storm five years ago is fresh in our minds, and the mullahs in Tehran have been, to say the least, on uneasy terms with the fundamentalist Sunni regime in Riyadh since the fall of the

Shah in 1979.



The revolutionary fire is dying down in Iraq, although there are soll ardent spirits who would be glad to stir up trouble among the Shia com-munices on the Arab shore of the Gulf. However, the mul-lahs have their hands full with economic recovery, and I do not believe that they have territorial ambidons in the Arab world.

Pan-Arabism is a dead duck; there is no longer such a thing as an Arab consensus on Patestine as the so-called "peace process" edges forward. In any case, Saudi

Arabia is widely recognised as a leading player in the Arab League, The system of rule may and it is many years since any but mavbe antique erick regimes pub-licly criocised Saudi policy. Before 1990, American support for Saudi integrity but it is stable

had to be kept "over the horizon" because of wider Arab sensitivity about Wasbington's relationship with Is-rael. Saddam's naked aggression against a sister Arab state changed that.

quickest way to do it. Her remarks hat threat there may were made seven weeks ago in a be to stability comes speech on behalf of the Gloucester-V V from within. Grow shire Community Foundation: they

Not so very pastoral Many a rural scene masks suffering ere we go! The new year barely begun, and al-ready the bile is rising

Bishop slams Jackpot" and "Portillo slams Nicholson"; let us start 1996 by considering "Aga Saga Queen slams Cotswold village". Which tabloid headline chronicles a magnificently silly conflict between the novelist Joanna Trollope and the unremark-able settlement of Aston Magna, Ms Trollope - with, as we shall see, the most humane of intentions described the village as "a truly dismal place", with problems in common with Manchester's Moss longer much protection). Joanna Trollope, on the platform of a charity Side. Of course she meant to be provocative; if you want to wake up an audience of 30 in Stow-on-the-Wold, foundation, was drawing attention to the rural incidence of poverty, unall experts agree, provocation is the employment, poor housing, bad

housing. bad health, lone parent-

and growth; but there is also a plentiful if unsung band who have run housing associations, given them land, encouraged jobs, defended tra-ditional trades and lobbled for serditional trades and lobbled for ser-vices. One of the problems of the inner cities, indeed, is the lack of such a loyal middle class: a Brixton boy who makes good (like John Major) does not feel it natural to stay in Brixton and fight for it: he goes off somewhere nicer. Say what you like about the old Lord and Lady Bounti-fuls they stuck around fuls, they stuck around. Indeed, one of the healthy things

about village life --and the reason that THE TIMES TUESDAY JANUARY 2 1996

MULLY PROB Their island pride **Magnus Linklater** watches a titanic struggle in Orkney

The crowds who saw in the new year beneath the great sand-stone Cathedral of St Magnus in Orkney were in boisterous mood. Most clutched bottles of whisky which they were cheerfully ready to share; despite a bitter north-west wind, they ingered on Broad Street long after the pipe band had given up, exchanging kisses and drams with equal enthusiasm; there were signs that a long night of hard drink-ing lay ahead. Meanwhile, Kirkwall, the island capital, looked like a town under siege: shop-fronts boarded up, under stege: snop-tronts coarded up, doorways protected by wooden beams, alleyways blocked off. This was not, however, a protection against mass hooliganism, but a pre-caution in anticipation of what was to happen later in the day. No one is quite sure how the tradition of "the Ba" began, but it must be one of the most ancient as

must be one of the most ancient as well as most ferocious new year sports in Britain, dating back possi-bly to the struggles for power be-tween the Earls and Bishops of Ork-ney in the 12th century. At the stroke of I o'clock yesterday, a round leather ball was tossed into the assembled crowds waiting at the Mercat Cross, and for hours afterwards a titanic struggle developed, with heaving scrums formed by 200 young men (this is not a game for women) surging through the narrow streets as they attempted to gain preserving as they attempted to gain possession of the ball. For long minutes they piled up, immobile, against a wall, then suddenly they were off, hurtling in a breakneck scramble down the pavement. It looked frankly terrifying; the crush of bodies against stonework seemed to threaten inev-itable death by suffication. But I saw only one youth dragged from the crowd for first aid. The town is divided into two - the

for detaining a suspected motorbike thief; but on balance that is probably better than the terrified urban habit of turning a blind eye. One of the most alarming things about the growing suburbanisation of the countryside is that commuter villages "uppies", trying to smuggle the ball into their own territory half-way up the town, and the "doonies", aiming to land it in the harbour at the bottom end. It is rough stuff, with bruises and broken ribs routine. But though are now spawning private "execu-tive" estates which do not communiit is a violent spectacle, it has its subtleties. There are feints and false breakaways to fool the other side, and cate with their council or traditional neighbours. In such a village, a few a series of complex instructions from seasoned players who seem to have some idea about what is happening years ago, a young mother died unnoticed, and her child starved. deep inside the maul. The only sport bearing any similarity to it is the Eton Wall Game, where you may also never see the ball from start to finish. But that is insipid by comparison.

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and poverty as grim as any city's After all, it was another novelist, their tenants and resisted innovation Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who had Sherlock Holmes observe that "the lowest and vilest alleys of London do not present a more dreadful record of sin than does the smiling and beauti-ful countryside". He was talking about domestic crime: the unseen cruelities in the remote house and the lack of neighbours to intervene (today, after the West affair, he would have to admit that a city street is no

also for the commuter's lonely wife with far more money but just as great a need for friends and baby playmates.

In such communities crime is often nipped in the bud by public pressure, in just the way Sherlock Holmes said

it would in the "vile alleys" of Victorian London, Admittedly such

pressure can lead to problems like the

Harleston vigilantes, who were jailed

Many commentators have recently predicted trouble for the monarchical regimes in the peninsula. But in my view, the ruling families in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states are under less external pressure than at any time since the 1950s. They survived with difficulty the tempest of the socialist, republican, anti-imperialist Arab nationalism which swept away the Egyptian and Iraqi monarchists in the 1950s and which destabilised the whole region until it died with the catastrophic defeat of Arab arms at the hands of the Israelis in June 1967.

Thereafter, Arab public generation. opinion was inflamed by the combine to generate strong Palestine problem under the pressure for changes to a leadership of the PLO, and method of government which regimes such as Saudi Arabia which maintained close relathe 18th than the 20th century. oons with the West had to stay close to an Arab consensus. In of autocracy in a sea of fact, by the 1980s Saudi Arabia established democracies, such had taken the lead in formupressure could become irrelating Arab policy on this question. Then, throughout most of the 1980s, Saudi one seeking radical change in Arabia and the Gulf States Saudí Arabia and the Gulf has only to look at the dire nature were dangerously close to the of neighbouring alternatives to wonder whether it would longest and bloodiest interstate war since 1945, the Irannot be better to leave well Iraq conflict launched by Sadalone - or at most to seek dam's invasion of south-west gradual rather than violent Iran in 1980. There is little doubt that without the help of oil-rich Arab states, Irao Sir Anthony is a Middle East specialist and former Ambaswould have been beaten, rather than forcing a draw.

ing populations and the increasing complexity of government have eroded the direct access between rulers and ruled, which used to be a partial substitute for democracy. Declining oil prices and the costs of the Gulf War have made it increasingly difficult to maintain expensive social and economic infrastructures such as free educaoon, health services and subsidised housing, without resort to significant taxadon. Education and travel are heightening political aspirations among the . younger

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If the peninsula were an oasis

sisoble: but it is not. Any-

caused a small, local stir for all of five minutes. Rural umbrage travels slowly but surely: within a week or two the tabloid headline appeared, and now the incident has been given a fresh lease of life by the shootings in Moss Side at the weekend, forming as they do a nice contrast with the starry-eyed return of the intelligentsia from their idyllic Christmas in Much-Wittering-in-the-Saab.

Gloucestershire.

So for yesterday's Daily Telegraph. an Aston Magna parish counsellor and a chap from the Gloucestershire Police were wheeled out to damn Joanna Trollope again. They even found a Methodist minister in Moss Side to get huffy at the comparison, saying "the communides are very different and it is difficult to find алу paraliels".

Which is (sorry, Minister) bunkum. Of course there are parallels between urban poverty and the rural kind. A nice view does not neutralise debt and despair, nor prevent you being old and cold, young and hope-less, or afraid of your violent husband. Perhaps it just takes a middleaged literary lady to admit it. A novelist, after all, is a professional people-watcher and not a poliocian; Joanna Trollope has nothing to gain or lose by telling the truth, and so feels no need to exercise craven diplomacy or even the sort of creaking political correctness so prevalent in The Archers. Therefore she is free to say, in terms as strong as it takes, that deprivation, sadness, loneliness

and sin exist in the rolling country-side as well as the teeming city.

hood and the terms tation to crime and drugs (Cirencester, for all its prettiness, has a teenage drug problem). She said, and should not repent saying, that it is cruel and silly for

outsiders and weekenders and insulated parvenus to think that "the country" is somehow magically protected from these things. She also said that it is the duty of the prosperous country-dweller to deploy "money, effort, and thoughtful care" on the neighbourhood.

Hers is an old-fashioned kind of truthfulness: a level gaze which does not avert itself from the scruffy hopelessness of those council estates pushed to the edge of villages, from the decline of village shops and transport, the dearth of employment to replace traditional farming and "uneconomic" small-town manufacturing. It is not a patronising eye, but a clear one which acknowledges the despair of young people whose chance of a home is still, even in recession, being snatched away by weekend cottage prices. It is not unreasonable to see both insult and injury when London weekenders come down for new year with their cars stacked high from Waitrose on the King's Road. To acknowledge rural problems is not to belittle villagers, but to take their side.

Which, traditionally, the rural nobs have seen as their natural job. There have, admittedly, been high-handed landowners who oppressed

even the poorest countryside is not actually as bad as Moss Side or St Paul's - is what has been called its "natural democracy". Bob Holman, the maverick social scientist who put himself where his mouth was and moved to live in the run-down Glasgow satellite town of Easterhouses, recently wrote that whether in town

or country, it is a Christian duty for the middle class not only to support the poor in principle, but to live near them. Things, he says, would be better if we did not hide in executive estates or affluent enclaves, but came Geographically closer to the poor. Our sheer talent for fussing would then guarantee better schooling, policing, transport and medical services for all; community of interests would

n some villages, this happens: people tolerate one another's weaknesses and exploit one another's strengths. The big house and the small ones can fight side by side for the school, the pub, the hall, the local bobby; meanwhile the rich man in his castle has to be civil to the poor man at his gate, because otherwise the next time his tiles blow off or his moles need catching he won't get help for weeks. The mother-and-toddler group provides a lifeline for the single girl living hugger-mugger with her par-ents and her illegitimate baby, but

produce Mr Major's famous "nation

at ease with itself".

It may often be scruffy, and some-times inbred, but the very stagnation of traditional rural life has its advantages. There is one small East Anglian town, an unemployment blackspot, which nonetheless has a lower incidence of cruelty to children than any parallel urban community. Why? Because there is always a forceful grandmother or aunt to interfere. East Anglia is rich in single mothers - thanks to the American Air Force - and the story has it that a wellmeant but ill-informed charity set up "drop-in centre" for them. Nobody dropped in. The girls were all round at their mothers' or their nans', and took exception to being classified as a problem

Such flashes of community spirit are to be cherished, whether in Essex or Orkney; cities could learn from them. Should have learnt from them years ago, instead of pulling down neighbourly streets to build tower blocks. Town planners could also reflect how much lower the rate of delinquency seems to be when children have access to wide green spaces in which they can play. Education planners could look at village schools and admit that, for young children at least, small is very beautiful.

But none of these glories of rural life need blind us to the truth of what Joanna Trollope said: that buman beings in the countryside often suffer, albeit more quietly, as much as those in cides. A beautiful backdrop does not guarantee a good life, nor the safe and enlightened upbringing of children. It is almost too obvious to say. Only the row proves that someone had to say it.

ne can well believe that the Ba' goes back to the days when the Vikings introduced when the Vikings introduced it as a game to be played with a human head as the ball. Its start at the foot of St Magnus Cathedral is entirely appropriate, for here is a direct link to the Viking era. Founded in memory of Earl Magnus of Orkney, who was murdered in 1117 by his cousin Hakon, the cathedral was built by Magnus's nephew, Earl Rognvald, one of the great medieval crusaders. It was Rognvald who took a fleet of IS longships through the Mediterranean to Jerusalem in 1149. and who, on his return, hung his sails to dry on the pillars of the halfcompleted building. He was a fighter as well as a man of God, and he would have understood the Ba'.

At various times, the elders and sheriffs of Kirkwall have attempted to ban it, judging it too uncouth a sport for a civilised city. But the game survived because the tradition was too strong to be broken; and today it is more popular than ever, spawning other Ba's on Christmas Day. It is more than a quaint custom: it is a vigorous expression of Orkney's strong, separate identity. That separateness has, if anything,

been reinforced in recent years. Orkney has always been a self-reliant place, and the Thatcherite notions of private enterprise and resourceful-ness have suited it better than more dependent counties on the mainland. It is something of an irony that Margaret Thatcher, who was so commit-ted to the United Kingdom, did more to emphasise a sense of individuality in its far-flung communities than any of her more devolution-inclined predecessors. There has been a steady sense of alienation from central government in Orkney since then. It has not translated into votes for the Scottish nationalists, nor even for the idea of separate status for the islands, but it has certainly undermined the Conservative cause. It would be hard to envisage this constituency ever again supporting a Tory candidate; yet until 1950, when Jo Grimond won it for the Liberals, Orkney and Shetland voted Unionist.

It is a lesson that Labour too would do well to bear in mind. Places like Orkney and the remoter rural communities of Britain are not instinctively in sympathy with new Labour. There is a sense that Tony Blair is every bit as much a prisoner of metropolitan bias as John Major, and if he is to demonstrate that he stands for all of Britain he needs to show that he is aware of its discrete needs, interests, and traditions.

I suggest he head North this time . next January, ready to take part in the Ba'. He should bring a stout pair of boots, a half-pint of whisky in his . back-pocket, and a strong constitution. As this column went to press last night, the game was still in progress, P.H.S five hours after it began, and ju yards from its starting-point. five hours after it began, and just 500

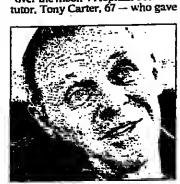
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new rehearsal rooms by its most famous alumnus, Sir Anthony Hopkins. With the aid of a sizeable grant from the Nacional Lottery, his donation enables the Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff to undertake a £2 million development scheme in the 19th-cennicy building which once housed Lord Bute's grace and favour flats.

Sir Anthony was unavailable vesterday, but the college's principal, Edmond Fivet, is said to be over the moon". Hopkins's former



Hopkins: generous

A WELSH drama school has been given more than £300,000 towards his music lessons in the 1950s the baddie of Silence of the Lambs says the donation sets the new year off on a cracking note.

"We've had students here who think they're going off into a different world when they cross the Severn Bridge, and they never return, "he said. "But Tony's Welsh roots are very strong. He often comes back and gives masterclasses.

Carter adds that he would never have suspected in the 1950s that the apple-cheeked young Hopkins would become a movie star who can command \$5 million per picture. "He wasn't bad on the

piano though, I'll say that for him."

Exaggerated IF GETTING down to Christmas

thank-you letters is a bore, spare a thought for Hughie Green, folks. The former host of Opportunity Knocks plans to spend the new year replying to a pile of 700 letters from admirers distressed by exaggerated reports of his death. The body-blow came in a throwaway line before Christmas in

the BBC's comedy series The Vicar

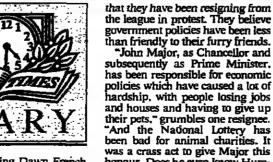
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of Dibley, starring Dawn French. "There hasn't been a bus through the village since Hughie Green died," remarked a joker, prompting a deluge of concerned letters to the Canadian-born septuagenar-ian and his agent. Mr Green's clapometer has gone nuclear - he is furious that the Corporation has so far refused 10 correct the slip. They reckon they re God Almighty," he barked.

Humph

IN CATTY circles, the claws are out for John Major, who was awarded honorary membership of the Cats Protection League after Humphrey, the Downing Street cat, slunk back to No 10 in the summer.

So appalled are some cat-lovers by Major's new feline fellowship



policies which have caused a lot of hardship, with people losing jobs and houses and having to give up their pets," grumbles one resignee. "And the National Lottery has been bad for animal charities. It was a crass act to give Major this honour. Does he even know Hum-phrey? I shouldn't think so, he was just cashing in."

Q- CHAMELEONE

"Amazing how quickly a Tory can change colour'

· A vital factor in the success of the New Year's Eve policing of Trafalgar Square can now be revealed. It was the Met's mobile canteen, where bobbies could avail themselves of a steaming cuppa, which for security reasons went under tha codename Teapot One.

Still sparkling

AMERICA has been starry-eyed about the late Jackie Kennedy's 40curat sparkler, a paperweight of a ring given her by Aristotle Onassis after they married in 1968. Along with other effects, including President Kennedy's desk, it is to be auc-ooned by Sotheby's in New York this spring. The rock, valued at more than

But gossip on the glitter circuit sug-gests that it could soon be under the cutter's knife again.

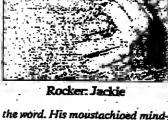
\$2,000 to \$4,000 apiece,"

• With peace being declared in the Balkans, Billy Graham's evangelical son Franklin has lost little time in getting out thare to spread

\$500,000, was cut from one of the biggest diamonds ever discovered.

The savviest jewellers can't wait to grab it at the auction," explains a gem merchant." The plan is to cut it down into 40 to 80 little diamonds, mount them in a variety of ways, and market them as Jackie relics at

er, who sports a stetson and Cuban heels, has been an incongruous sight in Zagreb.





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PRINCELY PROBLEMS

Prince Abdullah must reassert leadership at home and abroad

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil his priorities. The first is economic. For the exporter, one of Britain's biggest export markets and a country whose stability and well-being is a vital Western interest. Since the 1991 Gulf War, however, the kingdom has been going through a difficult period. It has run up a huge budget deficit, partly because of the war's costs but also through profligacy. Relations with Yemen and Gulf neighbours have deteriorated, while suspicion of Saddam Hussein's Iraq remains high.

Saudi Arabia has seen demonstrations in its heartland by fundamentalists, led by dissident clergy, and has been subjected to telling demunciation by exiles and Iranian propaganda. A bomb blast last month that killed four Americans brought the spectre of terrorism suddenly close to home. And King Fahd, the shrewd but cautious ruler for the past 13 years, suffered a debilitating stroke last month that further spurred rumours of family infighting and dynastic uncertainty. The King's decision, therefore, to entrust the rule of his country temporarily to his half-brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, is both sensible and welcome. Saudi Arabia needs, above all things, to regain selfconfidence after a bad attack of jitters. Despite lurid tales of corruption and predictions of the fall of the House of Saud, there is no evidence that the country is in a pre-revolutionary ferment, that its strong religious and tribal traditions are being undermined or that the system, authoritarian and intolerant though it may be, cannot adapt itself gradually to the demands of a more sophisticated society. What is needed, however, is confident leadership, both to confront the social challenges at home and assert the leadership of the Arab world which the country's wealth, oil reserves and influence as the historical heartland of Islam thrusts upon Riyadh.

Two challenges in particular face Saudi Arabia, which the Crown Prince must make

past five years Saudi Arabia has lived far beyond its means, running up an enormous budget deficit through extravagant handouts to the 5,000 royal princes, generous subsidies on utilities and transport, and, it has to be admitted, unnecessarily large purchases of Western weapons. For two years the Government stalled, witholding payment to contractors and to private businesses. This was very damaging to its international business reputation and provoked deep discontent in the burgeoning Saudi merchant class, many of whom suffered big losses. Now the Government has grasped the nettle of economic discipline, and this year's budget, unveiled yesterday, holds down spending while maintaining the recent cuts in subsidies and confirming price rises. That economic

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privatisation of the bloated state sector. His second priority must be the social malaise that has been fanned by Islamic radicals. One of their targets has been corruption, especially within the Royal Family. Prince Abdullah, an austere and personally devout man, is less likely to incur their opprobrium. He must, however, ensure that the law is applied fairly and equally and that bribery is suppressed. He must move swiftly to bolster the influence of the progressive and quasi-democratic Consultative Council, while trying to cut back the influence of ultra-conservative and obscurantist religious elders.

discipline must be reinforced by more

The West should not be surprised if the Crown Prince -- whose formal title as King may soon be confirmed - draws back from his brother's close dependence on the West. What matters is not that the Saudis copy Western ways and policies; the country's strategic importance depends more on stability, continuity and steady adaptation to its international role. For that, the House of Saud must change as swiftly as the country.

their votes are too evenly spread around the

country, they are doomed to come second

and third in every constituency but rarely to

was a danger that Labour's ascendancy

would put even this area in jeopardy. In

most of the Lib Dems' target seats, Labour

comes a poor third. Yet if enough former

Tory voters switched to Labour at the next

EMMA AMONG THE LIBERALS

Further defections are unlikely in the near future

win a seat.

For much of the past year, the Liberal Democrats have been reduced to observer status while the Conservative majority in the Commons disintegrated and Labour hogged the opposition limelight. Now and again, the Lib Dems would win a by-election or perform well in local elections - but their successes were always overshadowed by Tony Blair's.

This year, however, has begun with a dazzling firework display. Emma Nicholson's defection to Paddy Ashdown's party could not have been better news for him. I lends credibility to a party that had been all but eclipsed by New Labour. It gives force to the Liberal Democrats' claim to be a respectable repository for the votes of disaffected Tories. And her reasons for making the shift must have rung many a bell with disillusioned supporters of her former party, some of whom may now follow her lead. Miss Nicholson will not mingle altogether comfortably with the open-toed sandal wing of the Liberal Democrats. But she has enough in common with the patrician tendency of Menzies Campbell, David Steel and Roy Jenkins. As well as her European federalist beliefs, her humanitarian internationalism - displayed to the full in her defence of the Iraqi Kurds - sits easily with Paddy Ashdown's party than with her former colleagues.

Sir. The letters from Sir Anthony Meyer and from Professor John Shepherd in support of EU fisheries policy (December 26) ignore the EU's role in bringing about the current stock depletion and excess ilect capacity. Both writers continue to put faith in a discredited quota system which could never conserve stocks as presently

constructed and administered. Your editorial on the same day, "Fish and folly", is much nearer the mark in highlighong the insanity of the "discards" - fish thrown back as over quota - directly resulting from the EU quota system. You also rightly auribute blame to the EU subsidy of excess fleets: there would be no excessvessel problem if only Brinsh vessels fished in British fishing grounds. The creation by the former EEC of a "common pond" for all European

From Mr David B. Thomson

vessels (no other group of sea-fishing countries has agreed 10 such foolish-ness) has allowed Denmark, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Spain to send their fishing fleets into Briosh and Irish waters: that is why we have excess fishing capacity. Already British fishermen lose up to half their fishing boats to make room for European vessels.

The EU quota system is even more iniquitous in its effect an our fisheries. The amount of fish dumped at sea as a direct result of the system (or landed illegally) is believed to be equal to or greater than the official catch. This makes a mockery of the claims that smaller quotas would conserve fish. The fisheries policy of the EU will result in the destruction of small tradioonal fishing communides as they lose their fishing livelihood for ever. This contrasts with what is happening in most of the rest of the world - eg, in Japan, New Zealand and the US, where traditional fishers have their share of and access to mar-

ine resources enshrined in law, The EU is having to renegodate its fishery agreement with Senegal be-cause it is resulting in the destruction of inshore fisheries. Irish. Scottish and Cornish fishermen must wish their political representatives would do the same.

Yours sincerely DAVID B. THOMSON, Cloverdale, Kimberley Street, Lossiemouth, Morayshire, Scotland.

The territory to which they have now laid December 26. a claim runs west of a line from Hastings to Swindon, excluding the big cities. But there

From Mrs Christina Speight

Sir, The Spanish fishing fleet has almost eliminated fish stocks in its own waters. Now it is not only being allocated a quota in British waters but is also, with the Dutch. allowed to use musn q as well British fishermen with a quota of fish caught rather than fish landed could, and would in their own interests, ensure the management of remaining stocks. Landings in Britain are closely supervised by inspectors, but press reports suggest that Spanish inspectors have little control over fish landings in Spain. In addition, the Danes are taking large quantities of immature North Sea fish to feed to pigs. Meanwhile all countries continue to overfish their quotas under the CFP and to dump much of the surphis, dead, back into the sea. So far from allowing fishing policy to be determined by majority voong in the Council of Ministers, largely by countries not involved in the problem. the answer lies in repatriating control to the countries bordering the fishing areas. Certainly this involves Britain's withdrawal from the CFP, and this in its turn requires Britain to withdraw from the EU.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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wealth summit, held in Auckland last

month. There the Prime Minister.

along with his Commonwealth col-

leagues, supported the proposal "that

Heads of Government endurse wider

knowledge of the Commonwealth as a

key strategy for furthering the Com-

monwealth's objectives". This was oddly at variance with HMG's report-

ed veto of a paragraph in the draft

communique commending the work

Lady Chalker's latest affirmation of

government willingness to help the in-

stitute is welcome: continuing govern-

meni support, both political and material, is crucial to its future. But

the level of this support has to be more

fully commensurate with that clearly

required by the spirit of the Auckland

As I have pointed out before, it is

very misleading to anempt to convert

these statistics into some sort of league

table of royal endeavour. Each royal

engagement is unique and differs both

us to length and content, as well as to

the ome taken in preparation and

briefing. For example, an investiture

takes the best part of a morning, in

addition to the considerable time spent

by the Queen in familiarising herself

with the details of the recipients and

their awards. All this counts as one en-

A lot of work is done which never

appears in the Court Circular, especi-

ally the Queen's daily constitutional

duties, meetings and preparation of

speeches. All statistics are open to in-

terpretation, and none more so than

these ones. However, if treated care-

fully, daily summaries in the Court

become more businesslike, and we all

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Dr Kreeper without the GP's know-

ledge or referral then the GP practice

is enotled to charge a reasonable fee

for the secretarial and administrative

East Sussex housing

From the Chairman of the Eust

Sussex Association of Local Councils

there is linle opposition to the pro-

posed allocation of the 2,333 new

homes to be provided annually in the

Downs have rejected the Lewes Dis-

trict Council draft local plan for that

period since it includes proposals to

release substantial new greenfield

sites for housing in their villages.

Their objections are similar to those to

the new towns proposed for the same

The parish and town councils

represented by this association, along

with other bodies in Sussex, have

great reservations concerning the

processes whereby the figures for

these housing allocations are obtained

by the Department of the Environ-

In particular we question the valid-

ity of using as starting points projec-

tions of population and housing

change which are based on current

demographic and social trends and

converting these into housing pro-

vision figures without complementary

reliable statistics from those who

advocate such development, neither of

which we have found available during

We require clear reasoning and

statisocal details or evaluation

the current debate.

A. J. MacGILLIVRAY,

Chairman, East Sussex

Association of Local Councils,

212 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex

Yours faithfully,

Sussex House.

December 29.

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Local communities under the South

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TIM O'DONOVAN,

Datchet, Berkshire.

December 31.

Yours faithfully,

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Mariners, The Avenue,

have our mortgages to pay.

A. R. BLACKBURN. Guildowns Group Practice,

PETER R. C. WILLIAMS

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Yours etc.

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Folly of quotas in Institute and the spirit of Auckland

a 'common pond' From Mr Peter R. C. Williams

Sir. An uninformed reader of Baroness Chalker's letter of December 22, in response to Mr Derek Ingram and hisco-signatories (December 19), might be forgiven for thinking that the Government's role vis a vis the Commonwealth Institute is that of St George riding to the rescue of an innocent victim threatened by hostile forces. In reality, of course, the victim's plight is the direct result of the Government's sharp reduction in its grant.

As a consequence, the number of Commonwealth Institute staff has fallen from 120 in 1987 to 90 in 1991. when the current director-general assumed office, and to 36 today. If the Government's current intendons regarding funding support are put into effect that number could be only 26 by the early summer of 1996, in March the Commonwealth Institute in Scotland is to close. 18 months or so before HMG bosts the next Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, propably in Edinburgh.

Coppice Row, Theydon Bois, Essex. Laoy Chalker was a member of the British delegation to the last Common-December 78

Royals at work, at home and abroad

From Mr Tim O'Donovan

Sir. I have carried out a survey of the official engagements carried out by the Royal Family during 1995, as reported in the Court Circular: A B C D E 167 St 295 545 106 The Ousen Duke of Edinburgh 228 141 32 401 222 Queen Mother 28 5 9 42 260 108 105 471 134 Prince of Wales 32 10 30 62 65 44 29 8 51 21 Princess of Wales Duke of York Prince Edward 51 40 25 116 103 250 93 84 427 148 Princess Reval \$7 38 \$ 133 \$ \$2 35 22 139 40 Princess Margaret Duke of Gloucester Duchess of 107 31 3 141 20 Glouassier Duke of Kent 134 49 29 212 76 Duchess of Kent 121 25 11 157 10 Princess Alexandra 100 34 17 151 18 A Official visits, opening ceremonies and other engagements

Circular give a fair indication of how hard the Royal Family work. B Receptions, lunches, dinners and ban-C Other engagements, including investi-tures, meetings anended and audiences Yours faithfully,

D Total number of engagements in UK E Total number of engagements on offic-ial overseas tours

NHS charges

From Dr Alon Blockburn

Sir, 1 am amazed at the naiveté expressed by Dr Kreeger in his complaint at being charged by a GP col-

Films that deliver a slap in the face

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From Ms Veronica Kish

Sir, The latest James Bond film. Goldeneve (review, Arts, November 23), dismayed mc. in that a villain yet again has a badly scarred lace.

The stereotype that good people are beaunful and bad people ugly is implicated in the teasing and bullving that many children and teenagers suffer because of their appearance. As a health professional working with children disfigured by burns, dog bites, birthmarks and other conditions, 1 am distressed at the prejudice, in the street and playpround.

Fairy tales are a strong source of this stereotype, with ugly witches, wicked dwarfs, monsters and freaks, Film has supported them; the villain in Waterworld lost an eye in battle. Batman Foreser introduced Two Face, with hall his face deformed, and The Lion King named its villain Scah. Given the incidence of disfigurement, such representations are disturbing. Some 400.000 people in Britain are disfigured, and one schoolaged child in 500 has a significant facial deformity.

A villain doesn't always have to look horrid. The beautiful wicked witch of C. S. Lewis's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe shows this. Our beliefs about appearance are flawed enough. without further impetus to prejudice

Yours sincerely, VERONICA KISH, Changing Faces. [& 2 Junction Mews. Paddington, W2.

Who was it from?

From Emeritus Professor W, G. V. Balchin

Sir, The Post Office has dane a magnificent job this year in delivering 1.9 billion items of Christmas mail News in brief, December 23), but it could be even more helpful if it indicated in all cases where and when the items have been posted.

The present franking system is in serious need of an overhaul - an analysis of the 95 items of Christmas mail which we received has revealed that the location of posting was absent or undecipherable in 42 per cent, the date of posong was absent or unde-cipherable in 40 per cent, and both location and date were absent or undecipherable in 30 per cent.

This lack of information can be quite critical at Christmas when so many friends and relations sign cards with a simple Christmas name, not realising that you might know two Muriels, three Georges and four Lucys. Without locarional franking one often needs a graphologist to pinpoint the sender.

Her decision to join the Liberal Democrats rather than Labour is critical to the centre party's claim to chief opposition status in the West and South-West. Given our electoral system, the Lib Dems have to be a regional party or they are nothing - if

election, the sitting Tory candidates could hold on to their seats simply by splitting the opposition. Miss Nicholson's choice of the Liberal Democrats will remind those voters who want to oust the Conservatives in this part of England that they will have to vote tactically for the centre party.

She may also have helped to assuage some doubts in voters' minds about voting Liberal Democrat. The centre party has been putting out conflicting messages lately. Sensing an electoral opportunity with Mr Blair's lurch to the Right, Mr Ashdown has sometimes looked as if he was trying to outflank Labour on the Left. This might have had the merit of picking up votes from radical socialists - but it was not what wavering Conservatives wanted to hear. Miss Nicholson's conversion could reassure them.

So is she likely now to be joined by other former colleagues? Parliamentary arithmetic makes more defections unlikely in the near future. As the Government's majority nears vanishing point, the next two MPs who crossed the floor would be personally blamed for precipitating a general election.

champion of the world, there are a dozen

This is precisely the policy which the UK Independence Party has been proposing since it was founded. In justice to our Bridsh fishermen, and to ensure future fish stocks, it is the only way to proceed.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTINA ŠPEIGHT. 20 Ramillies Road, W4. December 26.

From Mr Mark Hamer

Sir, Sir Anthony Meyer pleads the cause of the European Commission to "champion the general and the longterm interest". pointing to the "folly of anempting to run the EU on the sole basis of inter-governmental co-operation". I wholly disagree.

Left to its own devices, the Fisheries Commission has proved that it will act in favour of some member countries to the detriment of others. Last month it agreed to pay Morocco no less than £350 million for a four-year agreement to permit Community vessels ie, mainly Spanish - to fish in their waters. Whilst the agreement was being negotiated Spanish vessel-owners were given about E20 million "to tide them over". Such largesse for the alienated British fishing industry (in which f worked for over 30 years) is unheard of.

The vast majority of people in our fishing communities support the Save Britain's Fish campaign, whose objective is to take our country out of the common fisheries policy and bring our 200-mile limit under Brinsh control. It can and must be done. Failure to do so will result in the total collapse of our precious British fish stocks for all time.

Yours faithfully, MARK HAMER 6 Hazelwood Close. Thornton Cieveleys, Lancashire. December 27.

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The Oaks Surgery, Applegarth Avenue, Guildford, Surrey. league for photocopies of a padent's notes flener. December 28).

The NHS pays us to provide certain core services, and for these we are not allowed to make any additional charge. However, an increasing part of our daily routine is now taken up by time-consuming paperwork and cor-respondence which is outside these core services.

I estimate that I spend one to two hours every day dealing with requests for information from mortgage companies, holiday insurance schemes, Bupa, solicitors, employers etc. This entails my collating the information from padent records and dictating leners, and then taking up secretarial nme with typing the reports and photocopying relevant hospital letters.

Yours faithfully. Would an accountant, solicitor or ANTHONY J. S. NICHOLLS, The Pinn Medical Centre, bank manager do the same type of 8 Eastcote Road. Pinner. Middlesex. work and not charge for it? The Government is forever exhorting GPs to December 28.

Stress in anaesthetists

From the President of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland

Sir, Dr Simon Wessely f What if your surgeon's a junkie?", December 19) states that "Of all the medical specialists, anaesthetists have the highest suicide rate". While the rate is unhappily high, we know of no evidence to support that assertion.

The high suicide rate among all doctors is a cause for major concern. and support for stressed dectors is of paramount importance. Since 1981 this association's pioneering sickdoctor scheme has proved very beneficial and has been imitated by many other schemes.

We have recently set up a working party, with Royal College of Psychiatrists representation, to consider the whole problem of stress among anaesthetists and at the same time to authenocate the data on suicide.

Yours faithfully. S. MORELL LYONS, President. Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, 9 Bedford Square, WCl.

Too close to the fire

From Mrs Sheila Stevens Sir, I read with interest in Dr Stuttaford's medical briefing today that the

correct medical term for the mottling of legs caused by sitting too close to the fire is livedo reticularis. I think 1 still prefer the more picturesque term used for this condition in the Glasgow of my childhood -- fire tartan.

Yours faithfully, SHEILA STEVENS, 8 Redhouse Drive, Sonning Common. Reading, Berkshire. December 28.

Yours faithfully, From Dr Anthony J. S. Nicholls

W. G. V. BALCHIN. 10 Low Wood Rise, Ben Rhydding. likley, West Yorkshire. Sir, I do not think there is sufficient December 24.

Driven to distraction

From Mr R. Compton

Sir. Having paid my car insurance premium, I awaited a slim envelope containing the renewal certificate.

The envelope from my insurers was very large. In addition to the certificate it contained:

a "thank you" lener; another copy of the policy document (I

already have one); a 58-page "welcome booklet":

a schedule headed "Excesses for young drivers" (despite my wife and 1 being the only named drivers, and no

longer eligible); a further envelope containing "a specially selected range of additional

benefits & services"; a "customer care" form asking for my

comments; Sir, Jill Parkin. in reporting the debate an "invitation" to apply for home insurance;

over addicional housing in East Sussex ("Concrete mixers head for and a shiny laminated card telling me Kipling country". Weekend. Decemwhat to do if I crash. ber 23) is mistaken in believing that

I do wonder how much lower my premium could have been if I had just received the renewal certificate.

Yours faithfully ROGER COMPTON, Woodbridge, Charlwood Road, Hookwood, Horley, Surrey.

Not to be copied

From Mr Roy Dean

Sir, It is noticeable in television crime series that the police so seldom bother to lock their cars when they get out. Even inspector Morse sets an occasionally bad example.

Yours faithfully. ROY DEAN. 14 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent.

As God intended?

From Mr Chandra P. de Fonseka

Sir, Even if St Matthew appeared nude before God (report and photograph. December 28) what reason could there be for him being depicted in that state before Man?

Yours faithfully. C, P, de FONSEKA. 10 Glendevon Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, Avon.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

A chorus of boxing fans surrounds the ring, waving Union Jacks and chanting: secret of Rule Britannia for you know Who -- of course, our boy BRUNO. There is nothing like a name In this sporting panto game. So in this first week of pantomime Frank's the hero of our rhyme. Frank's the first true Brit to win A heavyweight title in the ring, As well as playing Mother Goose, Dick Whittington and Puss in Boots, Cinderella, the Sleeping Beauty, 12 And Sinbad the Sailor, dark and fruity. ``.•• Mystic Puss in Boots stares into her crystal ball, and intones in a spooky purr. Scorpios are brave and proud. They never speak their thoughts aloud, Devious and somewhat wary Like Mitterrand and Archbishop Carey. Sometimes silent as a frozen spigot, Viz. horsey-blinkered Lester Piggott. My prediction for 1996 is that Scorpios will improve their communication skills, know what I mean, Harry? And in addition become more efficient at their work Chorus gasps Ooooer. Demon Promoter. Efficient? Scorpio Bruno is not efficient enough to punch his way into a packet of Grape Nuts even without his gloves on. He . . has a plastic chin and a left jab as soft as a powder-puff. He still has not learnt to hang on to his opponent and pinion his arms in order to protect himself when he is in trouble. As for calling himself heavyweight . .

fighters calling themselves that in the murky alphabet soup of showbiz, avarice and fraud that prize-fighting has become. No fewer than 22 flabby fantasists have been "heavyweight champions of the world" since the last undisputed champion, Mike Tyson, was relieved of his belt by Buster Douglas in Tokyo four years ago. Tyson will murder Bruno, as he did last time. if they eventually get into the ring together this year. You should advise your boy to stick to playing Mother Goose or to celebrity advertising, exhorting us to slosh HP sauce on our chips. Bruno should give up the men in fights And stick with the nicer men in tights. Chorus hoo, "Oh no he shouldn't", "Oh yes. he should." Mystic Puss in Boots: Take a dive. Take a count, Demon Promoter. For happy endings are the motor Of rap, pantomime and astrology. So 1 predict, without apology, A prosperous year for your boy Frank. With big enough deposits to sink his bank. For the British love a loser chump Such as Eddie the Eagle or Forrest Gump. And if Frank meets Tyson in the ring Our Scorpio giant has learnt to sting. Final chorus of riotous boxing fans: For Demon Promoter don't give two hoots. We believe in mystic moggy in Boots. We love Frank, and Frank loves us. This year at last he'll catch the bus. Though the black arts of fisticuffology Are as hard to read as Scorpios of astrology.

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The Duke of Edinburgh has been pleased to appoint Sir Brian McGrath an Extra Equerry to His Royal Highness on his retirement as Treasurer and Head of Household.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at Ham. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Birthdays today

Mr David Bailey, photographer. 58: Mr N.H. Baring. chairman, Commercial Unior Assurance, 62; Sir Richard Bayliss, former Physician to the Queen, 79: Mr Leopold Brook, former chairman, Simon Engineering, S4; Mr Christopher Campbell, vicechairman. British Rail, 60: the Duke of Devonshire, 76: Pro fessor Sir Kingsley Dunham, geologist, 86: Mr Walter Harrison, former MP, 75; Miss Hilary Heilbron, QC. 47: Sir Michael Hirst, former MP, 50: Mr Doug McAvoy, trade unionist, 57; Mr Piers Merchant, MP, 45: Sir Bruce Pattullo, governor and group chief executive. Bank of Scotland, 58: Sir Charles Reece, former group research and technology director. IC1, 69; Mr Edmund de Rothschild. former chairman. N.M. Rothschild and Sons. 80: the Earl of St Germans, 55: Air Marshal Sir Ernest Sidey, 83: Sir Keith Thomas, President, British Academy, 63: Sir Michael Tippen, OM. CH. composer, 91: Dame Rachel Waterhouse. former chairman. Consumers' Association, 73: Sir Andrew Wood, diplomat, 56; the Right Rev Kenneth Woollcombe, former Bishop of Oxford. 72.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Wolfe, general and conqueror of Quebec. Westerham. Kenz, 1727: Gilbert Murray, scholar, Sydney, New South Wales, 1866; Count Folke Bernadotte. UN mediator. Stockholm, 1895; Isaac Asimov, Russian-born American science fiction writer.



Emperor Akihito of Japan, seated second from left, and Empress Michiko, fourth from left, pose with other members of the imperial family for a formal photograph. In poems to mark the turn of the year the Emperor and Empress hope that the coming year will be peaceful

Latest wills

Bodleian Library, Oxford, £10.000 to Newnham College, Cambridge and the residue to the National Frost. Sir Stephen Harold Spender, of London NWS, the poet, and Professor of English at University College, London, 1970-77, left estate valued at £298,188 net. Other estates include (net, before laxl: Mr Evan Thomas Evans. of Kenil-Mr Frederick William Stern, of London NWS left estate valued at worth. Warwickshire 1586,827. Mr Rowland Gibbs, of Sheffield

22.442.388 net. E\$74,\$38 Mrs Marjorie Tulip Parsons, of Mr William Greenhow, of Pimington, Durham £1.005,203. Lewes. East Sussex. Trekkie Par-sons. the artist, widow of Ian M. Mrs Cicely Muriel Manning. of Parsons, the publisher, and friend of Leonard Woolf, from whom she Streatley, Bedfordshire, £1.005.134.

inherited his papers (given to the University of Sussex) and Monks House (transferred to the National Trust, left estate valued at £557.388 Mr Jack Neville Sheppard, of Penton Grafton, Hampshire E1.004.430

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net. She left her entitlement to royaliles and copyright in unpublished papers from the works of Leonard Woolf, any royalites relating to the works of her late husband to the London Library, and ES,000 each to the Artists' Benerolent Society, the National Library for the Althout, Age Concern and the Gardeners' Royal Benerolent Society. Mr Eric Stater, of Bournemouth, Dorset ... Mr Roger Debonnaire Tennaot, of Upton on Severn, Worcester-

Lady Cantley, of Temple, London EC4, left estate valued at \$1.057,411

Mr Eric Cronshaw. of Wilpshire, Lancashire, retired motor garage proprietor, left estate valued at Mr George Thomas Henry Bed-ford, of Tenbury, Worcestershire. El.217.236 net. He left 5518,000 and his home and effects to personal legatees, and the late company director £1,134.755.

Forthcoming

marriages Mr P.C. Beaton-Brown

and Miss C.L. Villar The engagement is announced between Peter Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Brown, of Ivy House, Hadley Wood, Hertford-shire and Caroline Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Villar, of Tostock Old Rectory, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk,

Mr J.H. Dean and Ms S.J. Neville The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geolfrey Dean, of Hay-wards Heath, West Sussex, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Neville, of Home Farm, Ebberston, North Yorkshire. Mr P.A. Ellwood

and Miss S.K. Atkinson The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Eltwood, of Lythan St Annes, and Sue, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Atkinson, of Manuden, Bishop's Stortford.

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Mr Arthur Apfel. of London

Mr C.T. Perty and Miss S.T.J. du Cann The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs

University news Queen's University of Belfast

inhibitors of bovine viral diarrhoea virus protease P80, Research projects at the university have won funding worth more than School of Biology and Bioch

£3.4 million. The awards have come from **n** wide Dr W 1 Monigomery, £33,840 over three years. Northern Ireland Electricity, Studentship. range of sources, including the Department of Economic Develop-ment's industrial research and tech-Dr B Walker, 151,702, British Heart Foundation, Design and evaluation of novel substrates and inhibitors for use in studies of the bradykinin-metabolising enzyme anniopep-tidase P nology unit, charities, industry, research councils, the Standing Adv-lsory Commission on Human Rights, tidase P,

and the Northern Ireland Office. The funding is for studies in the university's faculties of agriculture and food science, arts, economics and School of Chemistry Professor M A McKervey, E137,500 over three years, IRTU Technology and food science, aris, economics and social sciences, engineering, medicine and sciences. The Northern treland Technology Centre at Queens, the university's environmental research initiative – the Queens of Centre – and Its Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice have also benefited. The largest single grant – £872.823 from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council – thas been awarded to Dr John Geddes in the School of Mathematics and Physics for research on atomic col-isiston processes of fundamental, astrophysical and technological importance. Development Programme, Custom synthesis, process development and pilot facility. Professor K R Seddon, E219,649 over three years, Engineering and Phys-ical Sciences Research Council Ionic liquids: clean solvents for chemical

mponance.

Other grants include an award of 59,000 from the Northern Ireland Office to Professor Mike Brogden of the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, for a Northern

THE TIMES TUESDAY JANUARY 2 1996

Archaeology

Tomb sheds new light . on Chinese culture

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EARLY Chinese civilisation was much more widespread than scholars have hitherto thought: a tomb filled with elaborate bronzes in southern China suggests that the Shang culture was not confined to the Yellow River basin, where most known sites are concentrated.

"There has been a tendency to place all Shang develop-ments in the Yellow River Valley." Professor Robert Bagley, of Princeton University, said. This is partly the effect of Chinese archaeology being run from Beijing in northern China: devclopments in the Yangtse basin have been underestimated".

The tomb at Dayangzhou. in the Xin'gan county of Jiangxi province, dates to the 13th century BC, and is the second most elaborate known. outclassed only by the burial of Fu Hao, a royal consort interred at the Shang capital of Anyang, 600 miles to the north.

The Xin gan tomb contained 356 pottery vessels, glazed and fired at a high temperature, 50 bronze vessels and four bronze bells, more than 400 bronze weapons and tools and 150 carved jades.

The pottery matched that from a settlement a few miles away, thought to have been the seat of the putative ruler whose death was so elaboratey commemorated. Many of the bronzes show a similar regional character, Professor Bagley argues, both in the forms chosen and in their complex cast decoration.

The largest bronzes are more than 3ft high, and include a square fang ding on four legs, a ritual food vessel decorated with bands of the masklike taotie device. Of the 50 vessels 37 are food vessels, one with a double bottom into which charcoal could be inserted to heat the food. Many are adorned with a

years old (Norman Ham-

Archaeological survey

School of Electrical Engineering

mond writes).

and Computer Science Electrical and Electronic Engineering Professor G W Irwin, £436,710 over one year, IKTU Technology Dev-elopment Programme, Virtual plant for industrial and process control

School of Mathematics and Physics Dr I G Hughes, E133,010 over three years, Engineering and Physical Sci-ences Research Council, Desurption

solid cast figure of a riger on the handles, and the least handles, and other appendages are in general both massive and elaborate. The bronze bells, three of which stood upright on their "handies" and were struck with a mallet, are the first to be found in a datable context, and a bronze halberd blade is of a kind hitherto unknown before

tomb.

and two anterna-like projec-tions rising from its head. Nothing like these is known from the Yellow River focus of Bagley said.

figure of a bird-man with a crest, trailing a chain of three jade links carved from the same piece of stone. Other jades bear relief decoration emphasising the south Chi-nese nature of the culture of Xin'gan.

The discovery "amounts to a major reorientation of Shang archaeology". Professor Bagley said recently in the journal Orientations. Rather than diffusion of ideas out from a centre in the Yellow River valley, there seems to have been interaction between more widely separated regions sharing in a common culture, but not ruled by the Shang Dynasty.

The latter's adoption of writing, and its preservation on oracle bones, has for some 70 years led to their capitals at Zhengzhou and then Anyang being regarded as the fountain heads of Chinese culture. "Anyang may have a monopoly of the written evidence, but not of civilisation in China at this period", Professor Bagley

Etonians' lake covers remains of farms

ETONIANS will soon be row- "causewaved camp", similar ing across a landscape far to one at Staines just downmore ancient than their own stream, and thought 10 be college, which is a mere 556

the Zhou dynasty three centuries later than the Xingan The most elaborate bronzes

are a tiger nearly 2ft long, with a bird on its back, and a grotesque fanged and doublefaced mask with pointed ears Shang civilisation, Professor The jades include a red



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Petrovicht in the Snulensi district of Russia, 1920.

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The Academie Francaise was founded by Cardinal Richelieu. 1635.

Sir Joshua Revnolds became the first president of the Royal Academy, which opened this day, 1769.

The Soviets launched Luna 1. the first unmanned space rocket to pass close to the Moon, 1959.

Sixty six people were killed when a barrier collapsed at Ibrox Park football ground, Glasgow, 1971.

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valued at £445,930 net. She lorgave any outstanding debts at her death and left £185,000 and effects not otherwise bequeathed to personal legates, her watercolour painting with associated papers by Samuel Palmer, her triptych watercolour painting (*Uyset and Calypso* by Constance Philliot, he painting for *Three Kings* and e 1907 pencil drawing both by William de Morgan, to the Astmolean Museum. Oxford, certain leners, etc to the Mr Roy Kuhnel. of Sandal, West Yurkshire Mr John Robert Leach. of Brigh-

W.S. Perry, of Bledhampton, Hampshire, and Sarah, elder Mr Feter Gray Benham, daughter of the Right Hon Sir Edward du Cann, of Alderney, and of Lady du Cann. of Cold Aston. Gloucestershire. Mr R.T. Sharson and Miss H.C. Whitaker

The betrothal is announced of Rhydian, son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Shaxson, of Grayshott, £591,285, Surrey, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Whitaker, of Tosrerton. Lydbury Norsh. Shronshire Mr D.C.W. Torrens

and Miss L.Y. Thompson The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Torrens, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Thompson, of Hungerford, Berkshire.

Appointment

Mr Doug McAdam to be nonresident Ambassador 10 Kyrgyzstan in succession to the fate Mr Noel Jones. He will take up his appointment in March and be based in Almany.

The Northern Ireland Office has also awarded a grani of E19.950 to Professor Noel Sheeby of Psychology for a study on suicide and self-harm

Appointments The following appointments have been announced

in prisons.

Ingrid Allen, Professor of Neuropathology, has been appointed Chairman of the Higher Education Funding Councils Joint Medical Advisory Committee, from January L. Jack Crane, Honorary Professor of Forensic Medicine, and Dr James Riddeil, Reader in Therapeutics and Pharmacology, have been appointed to membership of the Northern Ireland Poisons Board. Ms Michelle McAuley has been elected by the Students' Union Coun-cit to membership of Senate. Recent grants include:

School of Agriculture and Food Science Food Science

Dr L M Lawrence, Or H Ball, E134,575, IRTU, Campylobacter contamination in Poultry. Veterinary Science Dr A Douglas, E175,692 over three years. Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Study of

bir harconnectines using store indu-tiply charged ions. Dr J Geddes, E872,823 over four years. Engineering and Physical Sci-ences Research Council, Atomic col-lision processes of fundamental, astrophysical and technological importance. School of Pharmacy Professor J C McEnzy. E71.232 over one year and six months, Medical Research Council/Department of Health and Social Services, Evaluation of the efficacy of a community pharmacy based smok-ing cessation service. School of Psychology

Professor N P Sheehy, £19,950 over six months, Northern Ireland Office, Suicide and self harm in prisons. Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Professor M E Brogden, £59,000 over one year, four months, Northern treland Office. Northern treland Community Crime Survey. School of Pharmacy and Department of Microbiol and Lormanobiology

Dr S P Gorman. E45.721. Dr S Patrick, E46.128, Arthritis and Rheu matism Council. Anaerobic bacteria in bone and joint infection: improved

fication and treatment

meadows at Boveney, and which will serve the local community as well as the college crews, will house an eight-lane competition course similar to the national facility near Nottingham. At both its eastern and western ends, areas of Mesolithic occupation have been found, dating to the

period between 10,000 and 6.000 years ago. Neolithic activity from the succeeding period of the first farmers is indicated by a series of concentric ditches just beyond the western end of the lake: these may be a the map in 1440.

among the earliest defended sites in England. The remains lie outside the development area, and are not threatened by it, however.

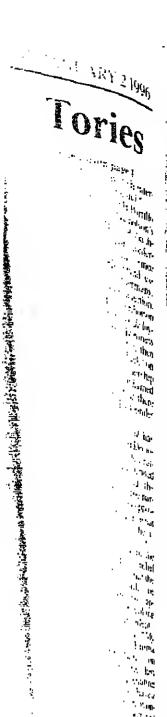
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The local planning authority refused permission for the development some years ago, partly because of the remains, but was overruled on appeal in a decision that called the rowing lake "a national asset". Although Etonians will swing together across the lake for generations to come, few will be aware of the generations past which lived there long before Henry VI put Eton on

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THE TIMES TUESDAY JANUARY 2 1996

OBITUARIES

Heiner Möller, dramatist, died of cancer on December 30 aged 66. He was born on January 9, 1929.

A DRAMATIST, director and poet, Heiner Müller was an outstanding challenger to the twin orthodoxies of Marxist and bourgeois theatrical and intellectual tradinons in Germany. A hulk of a man whose trade marks were a fat, pungent cigar, unwashed straggling hair and thick spectacles, Muller was one of the great rulebreakers in a country obsessed by rules.

Even before the fall of the Berlin Wall, and with many of his plays banned from the East German stage, he somehow managed to elicit from the authorities a pass enabling him to dime and drink with socialities and publishers in West Berlin and then return, swaying and perorating on the senselessness of history, across the silent guarded border in the middle of the night, back to his one room flat in the proletarian Hellersdorf high-rise district of East Berlin.

A student of Bertolt Brecht's at the Berliner Ensemble in the 1950s. Müller turned his teacher's techniques against their originator. While every bit as harsh as Brecht in his critique of capitalism, he disagreed with the playwright's residual belief in communism as a more humane system and condemned his mentor's refusal publicly to disavow Stalin. Throughout Müller's writing runs

an awareness of treachery repeating itself in great matters and small sroughout German history. He charted his own fascination with the phenomenon by describing how he feigned sleep as a four-year-old in 1933 when his father. a Social Democrat in Saxony, was hauled off to an internment camp by the Nazis. That was my first treason," he later remarked. But his approach to power was always playful - he continued to live in the East which, in his hermetic production largets. It was immed-



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HEINER MÜLLER

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Homfetmaschine (Hamfet Machine), one of only a few of his works performed in Britain. It interweaves Shakespeare with exegeses on Baader-Meinhof terrorism, the murder of Sharon Tate and the ouelling of the Hungarian uprising. Intended to be performed alongside Mulicr's translation of Hamlet, the play caused a legal battle when Michael Hamburger. Germany's foremost modern Shakespeare translator, claimed that Müller had plagiarised his work. Müller won his case when his lawyer Gregor Gysi (now a post-Communist policiant managed to convince the court that his client was genius enough to have translated the wurk from scratch in two months. The last production of the play at

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the Deutsches Theater in East Berlin in 1989 lasted nine hours and was playing when the Berlin Wall fell. Müller rewrote sections of it nightly to reflect events happening a few streets away.

After the collapse of the regime, a was revealed that Müller had periodically provided information to the Stasi secret police. Unperturbed at the public scandal which ensued, he claimed to have done it for reasons of dramaturgy - to get inside the minds of the main actors in our stute". Callow as this evocation of the post-modernist get-out clause sounds, it was given a certain credibility when it emerged that the Stasi had deemed his statements "without analytical value", being unable to understand their informant's hand-writing, syntax or

stream of consciousness, Although Müller's plays were too abstruse to be widely known, his ideas were accessible to a wider public through his secondary, post-1989 career as enfant terrible, called in by mischievous chat-show producers to definite the great and good and their hopes for the new united Germany. On the first anniversary of German unity he surpassed himself in both had behaviour and theatrical

deconstruction of the television medium by sitting alongside ex-Chancellor Helmui Schunich and other worthies on a podium for the best part of an hour: he said nothing, orinking noisily from a bottle of Scolch and uttering not a word. "Please", implored the host, "tell us what you think about history." "What intellectuals call history has never been more than hard work to the lower orders", replied Müller tartly. "The only national identity in Germany is the marl.", was another of his bon mois to gain national popularity. As head of the eastern branch of the German Academy o Arts, he was a robust defender of writers whom he believed had been unfairly condemned by their Western counterparts.

Diagnosed as suffering from ter-minal cancer in 1991, Müller had part of his pesophagus removed hut continued to work, drink and smoke with gusto. His final production Zement (Cement) was a masterful reworking of Soviet revolutionary drama in the manner of classical drama. Staged in a condemned factory in the dying industrial zone of eastern Berlin, it was accessible only with great effort, the auditorium was freezing cold and the audience had to be supplied with vodka and blankets to prevent hypothermia. By turns bizarre, confusing and louching, i was Müller's characteristic farewell to German audiences.

The last three years of his life were spent back at the Berliner Ensemble where the ailing company had called in a "live pack" of Germany's top directors to restore its fortunes. Müller was given full control last year after a bitter power-struggle with Peter Zadek, the west German director, who disapproved of his concentration on violent themes. His autobiography War Without Builte was oublished in 1992.

Müller was married three nmes He is survived by his third wife, Brighte Mayer, and their son.

LORD **COLLISON**

Lord Collison, CBE, former General Secretary of the National Union of Agricultural Workers and chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, 1969-75, died on December 29 aged 86. He was born on May 10. 1909.

HAROLD COLLISON was an old-style trade unionist who had an increasing impact on Labour politics through his long, 17-year service un the TUC General Council. For 12 years he was chairman of its social insurance and industrial welfare comminee and, as such, caught the eve of Richard Crossman who at the time was deeply involved with his 1957 national superannuation

More than a decade later it fell 10 Crossman, as Secretary of State for Social Services, to offer him the post of chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission /the old National Assistance Boardi, Typically described by his patron as "a great, big, tall, gangling man, a real slow working-class chap", Collison was, in fact, a good deal more impressive than that. Created a life peer by Harold Wilson in Decem ber 1964, he had earlier that year been elected chairman of the TUC and, as a Labour peer, presided over the 1965 Brighton Congress - the first member of the House of Lords ever 10 do so.

The National Union of Agricultural Workers had always been part of the Labour leadership's Praelorian Guard and, though never one of the major unions, was regularly represented on the party's National Executive Committee. Its strength lay among the farm workers of East Anglia, where in the 1950s it usually got a couple of its members returned to Parliament. Harold Francis Collison, anender. however, did not come from

always been a ready-made recruit to the stage army of the great and the good, Even in his days as a union general secretary he was a natural choice for membership of government comminees and royal commissions - serving on the Pilkington Comminee on Broadcasting which came down heavily against ITV in 1962, the Donovan Royal **Commission on Trade Unions** and Employers' Associations Gloucestershire and Worces-tershire. In 1946 he joined the head office staff in London. whose recommendations pre-dated the 1969 White Paper In Place of Strife and of the

windows looked out over Hampstead Heath.

JAMES HEPBURN

Vera Lynn was at the top. Anna Wickham, however. could never squeeze herself into the role of model housewife which her husband expected of her and, when her youngest son died of scarlet time, had made his own lever, she left her husband for magazine about aeroplanes, six months and went to Paris He served first as a tailgunner taking her teenage son Jim but, perhaps inheriting some with her. Here, in salon society, he further widened his thing of his father's interest in astronomy, became a navigaacquaintance, meeting such figures as Ezra Pound, Sylvia tor. Flying seemed to come naturally to him and once, out Beach, Djuna Barnes and with 216 Squadron in North Nina Hamnett. The portrait Africa, he successfully made a which the latter painted of him forced landing in the middle of shows the thoughtful face of a desert sandstorm. In 1943 he was awarded the DFC. In 1948 Hepburn left the the suave young man who at that time played chess with

Aleister Crowley and beat him, and coolly accepted the fact that men should fight

Charles Fletcher, CBE, Professor of Clinical were bottom of the bill, while Epidemiology, London University, 1973-76, died oo December 5 aged 84. When war broke our Hepburn joined the RAF. He had always been fascinated by aircraft and, as a child playing He was born oo June 5, with a typewriter for the first

CHARLES FLETCHER was best known to the public as a pioneer in the use of television as a means of medical educa-tion. In 1949, when he first suggested that doctors should explain to patients the causes of their illnesses, he stirred up a storm of protest among conservative medical circles. But Fleicher continued to campaign and in 1958, under his aegis, the BBC began a series RAF to form a company called Eagle Aviation, pioneering the idea of freight aviation. He of television programmes entitled Your Life In Their Hands,

which included footage of

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It was a brave step that

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CHARLES FLETCHER

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farm workers afforded protecplan. non for their homes - even when they lost their jobs -under the 1977 Agricultural Reni Act. fied very much as an elder statesman - having survived four years of serving a Tory Government as chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission between 1970 and 1974. In fact, Collison gut on well with Crossman's successor, Sir Keith Joseph, and when he did finally retire in 1975, it was to a Labour Social Services Secretary, Barbara Castle, that he tendered lus

resignation. Free of the responsibilities of the Commission, he was able to devote himself much more fully to the business of the House of Lords where he formed a useful duo on agricultural issues with Lord John-Mackie. the wealthy farmer and Labour supporter whom James Calla ghan appointed chairman of the Forestry Commission. Collison was a very popular member of the Upper House and, at least until ill-health overtook him, an assiduous

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aged 88. He was born on November 3, 1907.

James Hepburg, DFC,

tap dancer and airman,

died on December 15

WITTY and debonair but a stout believer in Labour principles, James Geoffrey Cutliffe Hepburn was a central figure in Hampstead's social and socialist scene. From an early age he moved in bohemian circles, acquainted through his mother, the poet Anna Wickham, with such literary and artistic figures as D. H. Lawrence, Edith Sitwell, David Bomberg and Malcolm Lowry - he was to remain a lifelong friend of the

His mother was equally at home in a political environment and a solid supporter of the suffragist movement. One of Hepburn's earliest memo-ries was of a garden party when he and two other small boys paraded the lawns, each holding a placard. The first read "votes", the second "for" is and the third "women".

Hepburn's mother was a fiercely unconventional woman. Her husband, Patrick Hepburn was a lawyer, though in his spare time he studied the planet Saturn on which he became a world authority and learnt Hebrew in order to translate the Psalms. In 1919 the family moved to a tall Victorian House on Parliament Hill - a spacious, four-storey building in which the bathroom doubled up as an aviary and the

duels over his mother. Hepburn was educated at University College School, Hampstead, but left at the age of 17 to work for the London, Midland and Scottish railway company. He had a stammer, and in the evenings his mother taught him to sing in an attempt to cure it: he also attended a nearby drama school. It was by chance that Hepburn then stumbled into a profession, becoming a repertory actor and singing for a year with Stanley Holloway in Hit the Deck.

His mother's friend Augustus John then introduced him to the impresario C. B. Cochran and Hepburn was invited to accompany Noël Coward as his understudy in the American tour of This Year of Grace. In New York Hepburn studied tap dancing. Fred Astaire had developed new tap routines, using not just snappy foot rhythms but fast balletic movements as well. It was this method of dancing which Hepburn was to adopt and take back with him to England

where he taught them to his younger brother John. Together they made a double act, called first the Two Madisons and later the Hepburn Broth-Together they travelled the

theatres of England and the Continent, happy to dance at any venue, however lowly. On their last appearance they

west. But having married in 1950 Hepburn decided that family life was incompatible with operational flying. He ioined the RAF again as an air traffic controller and stayed in this role from 1951 until 1960. In the 1960s Hepburn joined the Civil Service, working for the Ministry of Defence. The nature of his job remained a closely guarded secret. Even his wife, familiar with government operacions at Bletchlev Park, did not know precisely what he did, though speculation was that he was involved in nuclear operations. On retiring in 1977, Hep 1961 to 1972. Charles Montague Fletcher burn, with characteristic energy and commitment to democranic principle took a job in Heal's bedding factory and joined the Hampstead Labour Party. He also became an enthusiastic private brewer

operated throughout the Ber-

lin airlift, flying 28 round trips in ten days. He also became

only the second man ever to fly

around the world from east to

Part I and Part II of the Tripos of beer, swilling down his he worked as a Nuffield pints to denunciations of the Research Fellow under Professor Leslie Witts at Oxford. It big breweries. He remained all his life a man of modest was here that he was to ambition, though his last become the first doctor to wish, he used to say, was not administer penicillin to a human being. Fletcher also pioneered the to die under a Tory government. He is survived by his wife development of quantification Margaret, by a daughter. two of the chest radiographic appearances of the miners' dis-

stepdaughters - and his brother John with whom he used to dance.

Cardiff as the director of the Pneumoconiosis Unit. It was here that he became aware of observer error - the widely different interpretation of the same chest radiograph by different observers - and, in order to introduce better standardisation, he designed a semi-quantilive scoring sysafflictions. tem flater to be extended by his colleague John Gilson) which

is now accepted worldwide. It was while in Cardifi that Fletcher became interested in the effects of inhaled particles on the lung and the natural history of chest disease and, perhaps more importantly, it was here that he found his commitment to epidemiology (at a time when this method ology was barely accepted by the academic medical fraterni-

ty) in order to study disease before the symptoms surfaced. His observations on miners contributed in a major way to the successful prevention of this form of pneumoconiosis. In recognition of this work he was appointed CBE in 1952. Fletcher, however, longed for more direct clinical involvement in his research, and in 1952 he joined the Royal Posigraduate Medical School at the Hammersmith Hospital. Tuberculosis had just been conquered by the development of annituberculosis chemotherapy, so Fletcher turned his mind to the other most com-

mon chest diseases - chronic bronchitis and emphysema. He developed various new epidemiological methods, including the study of early disease in prospective cases. and spent the next twenty years of his life unravelling the natural history of these

Working with a number of other eminent scientists. Fletcher demonstrated conclusively the direct relationship between cigarette smoking and chronic bronchin's and emphysema and it was he who was largely responsible for drafting the first and the

member of Action on Smoking and Health and ardently campaigned against smoking. He hiniself had learns to knis during the war and recommended knitting as an occuparion for those who found it hard to give up cigarenes. Each of his grandchildren had a jersey made by him. In retirement he also learnt to do tapestry and he enjoyed keepmg bees in the small orchard where he lived on the tsle of Wight, and making his own bread, wine and beer. He is survived by his wife Louisa, and their three

considered for the appointment until he had a letter from the Prime Minister on December 14 asking if his name could be put lorward. He replied that he would be delighted. "I was out when the next letter came from Nn to saying that I had been chosen." Mr Day Lewis said. "It meant a lot of family giggling over Christmas. My children—Tamasin, sho's 14. and Daniel, who is 10—have been teasing me*

By STEPHEN JESSEL Cool Day Lewis, whose appointment as Poet Laureage in succession to the late John Masefield was announced last night, was once described by The Times Literary Supplement as "the person-ally favoured poet, the specially delighted in poet. of the lew; but even readers whose immediate response to him is rather hesitant do, in all tikelihood, feel for him something more than a grudging admiration

His critics have sometimes objected that he lacks the charisma that Yeats, Graves and Auden have displayed and that his standpoint and personality are not so clearly defined in the public nd that what he says commands instant and

respectful public anention. But his poetic skill, his sincerity, instruct, and tact have rarely been questioned, and his poetry. often displays, in the view of many critics, a sharpness and compassion that recall the titted days of the 1930s and the money-for-Soain movements

tary in 1953 - at a time when the union still had very much in its sights the abolition of the tied cottage" system (something it had failed to obtain from Aneurin Bevan even during his time in charge of the Anlee Government's housing programme). It was, however, a great source of pride to Collison that

there but from Gloucester-

shire - though he started his

career as a clerk in a Port of

London stevedoring firm. But

he soon gave that up and

moved back to Gloucester-

shire where he got a job first as a general farm hand before

switching to working on a

He helped to form the

Stroud and District branch of

the NUAW, later becoming

organiser for the counties of

being elected General Secre-

poultry farm.

rolling Council on Tribunals, which gave him as useful an apprenticeship as he could have had for his later work with the Supplementary Benefits Commission. It was in recognition of these activities that he was appointed CBE by a Tory Government in 1961. Collison married in 1946 Kate Hanks who survives him. There were no children.



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Church news

Appointments

The Rev Mary Judson, Assisa tant Curate. Chester-le-Street: to be Priest-in-charge, Bishopwearmouth St Mark, Millfield (Durham).

Ċ. The Rev Paul Langham, Chaplain and Fellow, St Catharine's College, Cambridge: to be Vicar. Combe Down w Monkton Combe and South Stoke (Bath and Wells). The Rev Pat Lawless, Curate (NSM), Christ Church, Frome: to be Curate (NSM), Mells w Vobster w Buckland Dinham. Elm, Whatley and Chantry (Bath and Wells). The Rev Rob Marshall: formerly Communications Officer for the diocese of London: to be media adviser (part-time) to the Archbishop of York. The Rev Dr Charles Miller.

pointed the Michael and Joan Ramsey Professor of Historical and Ascenical Theology, Nashotah House, Wisconstn, diocese Milwaukee, USA.

The Rev Mark Millward, Vicar, Pennywell St Thomas w Grindon St Oswald: to be whole-time Church of England Chaplain to the City Hospitals, Sunderland (NHS Trust) (Durham).

The Rev Mark Oakley, Assistant Curate at St John's Wood: to be Chaplain to the Bishop of London (London). The Rev Kevin Partington, Curate, All Saints. Salterhebble, Halifax: to be

Vicar, All Saints. Pontefract (Wakefield). The Rev Philip Swindells, Rector. Clophill: to be also

Priest in charge. Shillington Priest-in-charge, New Mar-ston (Oxford): has been ap-(St Albans).

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C. DAY LEWIS IS POET LAUREATE By RITA MARSHALL

By KITA MANSTALL Mr. Cecil Day Lewis, aged 63, a former Professor of Poetry at Oxford University, was named last night as Poet Laureate. He succeeds Mr. John Masefield who died last May. An announcement from 10 Downing Street

An announcement from to Downing Street recorded the Queen's approval of Mr. Day Lewis's apprintment as "Poet Laureate in Lewis's apprintment as "Poet Laureate in ordinary to her Majesty". The poet has been a regular institution in England since the seven-teenth century, and previous Poet Laureates include Wordsworth, Southey, and Tennyson. At his nome in Greenwich, last night, Mr. Day Lewis described his appointment as "exhilarat-ing". He added: "But honesily I know absolutely

nothing about what this post means." Today, Mr. Day Lewis, who has known unofficially of his appointment for a forthight, will go to the library to get Kenneth Hopkins's book on Poet Laurentes. He said: "Thaven't dared or until this was official go until this was official.

go until this was official. "I think I get paid something, but not very much. Anyway perhaps it will be enough to keep me in bourbon whisky for a day or two." In fact. the Poer Laureate receives £70 a year, plus £27 "in "In fact." lieu of a butt of sack." Mr. Day Lewis continued: "Being Port Laure-

is considered by some an accolade, by others the kiss of death. I can't cay I'm anything but pleased

"I don't think today one has court poetry as in the eighteenth century. If something is very

ON THIS DAY January 2, 1968

Cecil Day Lewis (1904-72) was the oldest of the

writers of the "new poetry" in the early 30s. He

achieved a second reputation, under the

pseudonym of Nicholas Blake, as a writer of

detective stories of considerable merit.

moving, something like Aberlan or perhaps the day when Prince Charles becomes Prince of

Wales, there might be an opportunity or a desire to produce a poem on such a theme. Personally I

shall just go on writing poerry, that's what a poet should do."

royal event. To commemorate the birth of Prince Andrew in 1960 he wrote an ode which was set tu

You princely baby, you pretty dear,

He has already written in celebration of one

ac by Sir Arthur Bliss and which ended with

For you we bring The brinday honours of the quickening year.

Mr Day Lewis did not know he was being

ino, Auden, Spender and Day Lewis -

second Royal College of Physicians reports in 1962 and 1971 to alert the public to the hazards of smoking. Fletcher was a founder

children.



THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Tory infighting over defection

Tory party infighting escalated as leading figures traded insults over Emma Nicholson's defection to the Liberal Democrats. Michael Portillo accused Miss Nicholson of talking awful nonsense in claiming that her departure was precipitated by a lurch to the Right.

He hinted that other Centre-Left Tories should follow her example if they wanted a federal Europe. John Redwood said that far from being too rightwing, the Conservatives were not rightwing enough .. Page I

Black Watch Ilnked with Triads

British troops from the Black Watch infantry regiment said to have sworn a blood oath of allegiance to a Chinese secret society are to get immunity from prosecution in Hong Kong in

Harsh sentences

Water torture

pipes and mains ...

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The new Bar chairman launched a blistering attack on Michael Howard's plans for minimum sentences ... Page l

Royal family values

back their overseas visits by a

third last year, devoting more

time to work in Britain in the lace

of criticism at home Page 1

King Fahd handed over the run-

ning of Saudi Arabia to his half-

brother. Crown Prince Abdullah,

Johanne Masheder, a 23-year-old

British solicitor, has vanished

while back-packing in Thailand.

Police are appealing to returning

holidaymakers for infor-

Sir Patrick Mayhew told Ulster

Unionists not to expect any deals

for promising not to bring down

Scientists have identified the gene

that makes some people extrovert

and eager for new experiences,

and others introverted Page 3

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Saudi handover

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mugging was shot dead and two of his friends injured by a gang in

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Chips are down

Egon Ronay attacked food at Charles de Gaulle airport as fit only for people with damaged palates, giving it nought out of ten for chips. Schiphol served "food for masochists", but Heathrow's fare was excellent Page 4

Deadly rendezvous saying he needed to rest after Three drug dealers found shot suffering a stroke Pages 1.8

dead in a Range Rover last month trusted their killer so implicitly that they took no weapons to a socalled business meeting in an Essex country lane Page 5

Au revoir, La Beeb

The BBC's French language service, which sustained France during the Second World War and was affectionately known as La Beeb, was silent for the first timePage 6 in 58 years Hong Kong hope

China's top official for Hong Kong affairs called for a new dawn in Sino-British relations in the 18 months before the colony

Bloodhound wins at hunt the slipper

When Nick Harrison took off his shoes, Angus the bloodhound went to fetch his slippers. But instead of picking up his new fur-lined tartan pair, the dogged dog embarked on a

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,053



Luciano Pavarotti giving an impromptu lesson to young choristers who welcomed him to Cape Town

PROFERING STATE BUSINESS

Warren's fight: The Department of Trade is to start disqualification proceedings against the boxing promoter Frank Warren after a four-year inquiry linked to the London Arena entertainment centre. ...Page 36 New look: Tom Singh has sold New Look, his family-run fashion business, to institutional investors for £170 million Page 36 Lack of confidence: Business confidence is at its lowest ebb since 1992, according to a survey of 2,000 companies carried out by Lloyds Bank Page 33

Pensions up: UK pension funds enjoyed a vintage year in 1995, with annual returns of 19 per cent after a poor showing in the previous 12 months.

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breasts? Dr Thomas Stuttaford on how medical science can achieve a new, improved you Page 12 Fat chance: Why do we cat more when the festive table is laden with food? Not because we are hungry, says Nigella Lawson, but because we are greedy Page 13 Spice of life: Quentin Letts discovers how Madhur Jaffrey blends her work as a cook with her other role .. Page 13 THETAW Counselling counsel: Why lawyers in traumatic trials, such as the Rosemary West case, should be offered belp to cope with thePage 29 distress.

A-Z of cosmetic surgery: Sagging

jawline, baggy eyes, flabby

roles he wants - and all because he would rather play a bad guy than a good guy Page 10 Ignoring history: The Tate Galery's exhibition Picturing Blackness looks at how black people in Britain have been portrayed over the ages. . Page II Preaching survival: The disappearance of Richey James threw the Manic Street Preachers into months of uncertainty, but their Wembley gig proves they still have a future. Page II Consort in concert The Wigmore Hall audience welcomed in the new year with a programme of 17thcentury baroque music by the King's Consort ..

Reluctant hero: The actor Morgan

Freeman cannot get the Hollywood Premiership challenge with a remarkable 4-2 win over Nottingham Forest. They trailed 2-0 after 18 minutes, but staged a thrilling comeback Cricket: England gamble on the fast bowlers Devon Malcolm and Angus Fraser in their attempt to clinch the Test series against South Africa in Cape Town_Pages 19, 21 Rugby league: Wigan scored a runaway 41-12 victory over Warrington in the Stones Championship and require one more point from their last three games to secure the title Golf: Barry Lane of England picked up a cheque for E660,000. the biggest of his career, when he beat the South African David Frost . Page II in the World Championship at Scottsdale, Arizona.....

> American football: Zack Crockett, a stand-in running back, produced a record-breaking performance to lift Indianapolis Colts to victory over San Diego Chargers Page 24

Footbalk Liverpool kept up their

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Racing: Horseracing got back on course at Exeter after ten days of frost and snow, but the last two of the seven races were abandoned Page 28 because of fog

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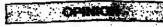
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Princely problems The West should not be surprised i the Crown Prince draws back from his brother's close dependence or the West. What matters is not that Saudis copy Western ways and pol, icies: the country's strategic importance depends more on stability continuity and adaptation to it international role

Emma and the Liberals Now and again the Lib Dem f would win a by-election but their successes were always overshad owed by Tony Blair. This year however, has begun with a dazzling firework display. Emma Nichol son's defection lends credibility to a party that had been all but eclipser by New Labour Page E

Panto Bruno

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COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES Of course there are parallels be tween urban poverty and the rura: kind. A nice view does not neutralise debt and despair, nor prevent you being old and cold, young and hopeless, or afraid of your violent husband Page 14 MAGNUS LINKLATER

No one is quite sure how the tradition of "the Ba'" began, but it mus be one of the most ancient as well as most ferocious new year sports in Britain, dating back possibly tr the struggles for power between the Earls and Bishops of Orkney in the 12th century -Page ki

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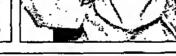
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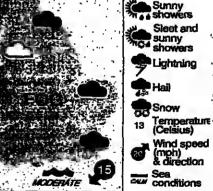
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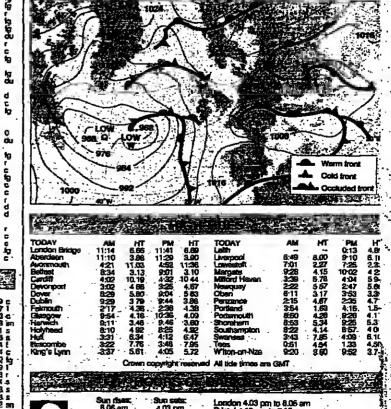
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- send off for a new one (7).
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